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THE YEAR OF THE PATRIOTS

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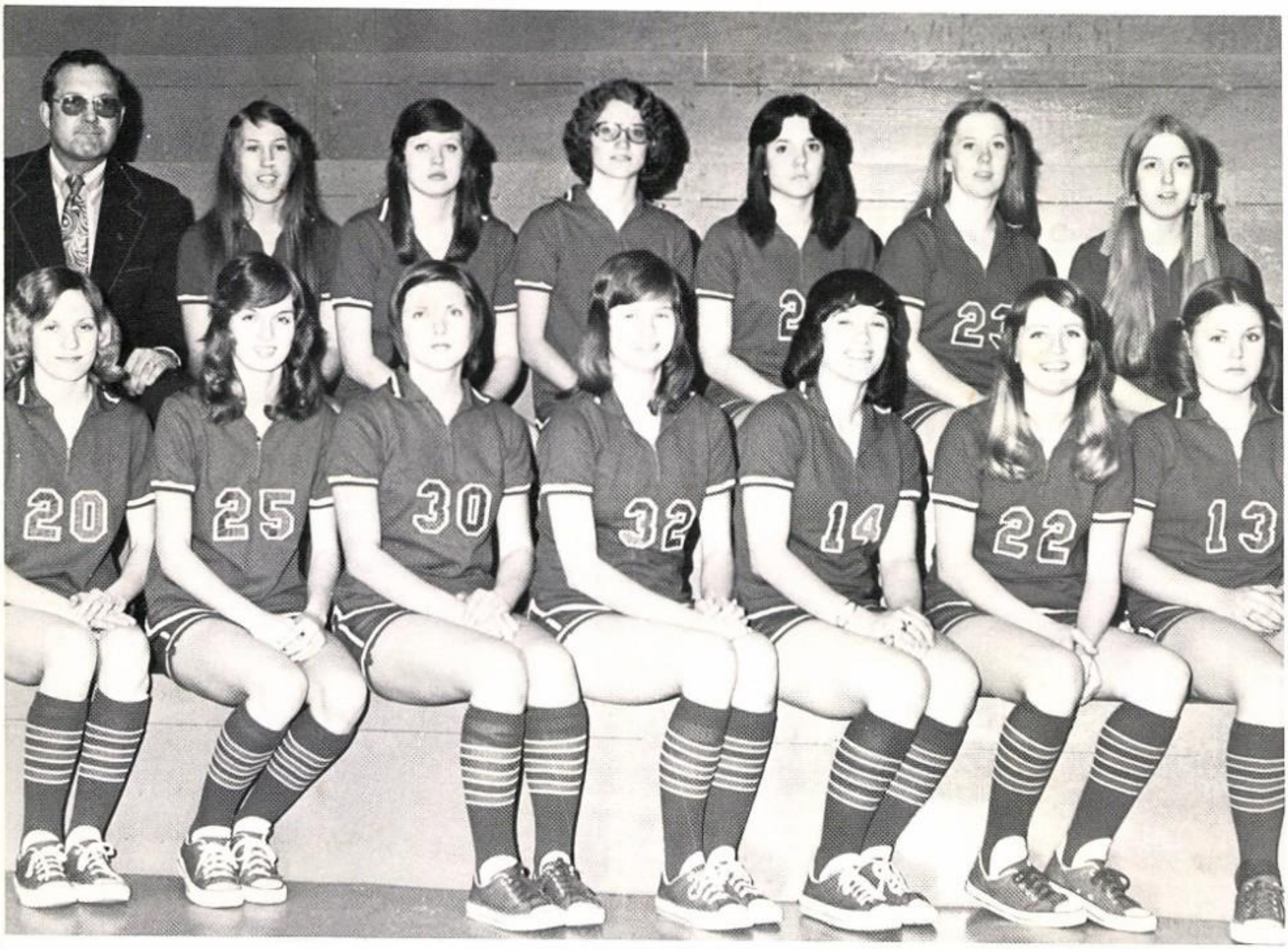
1976 TORCH VOLUME VI
PRAIRILAND HIGH
SCHOOL
PATTONVILLE, TEXAS

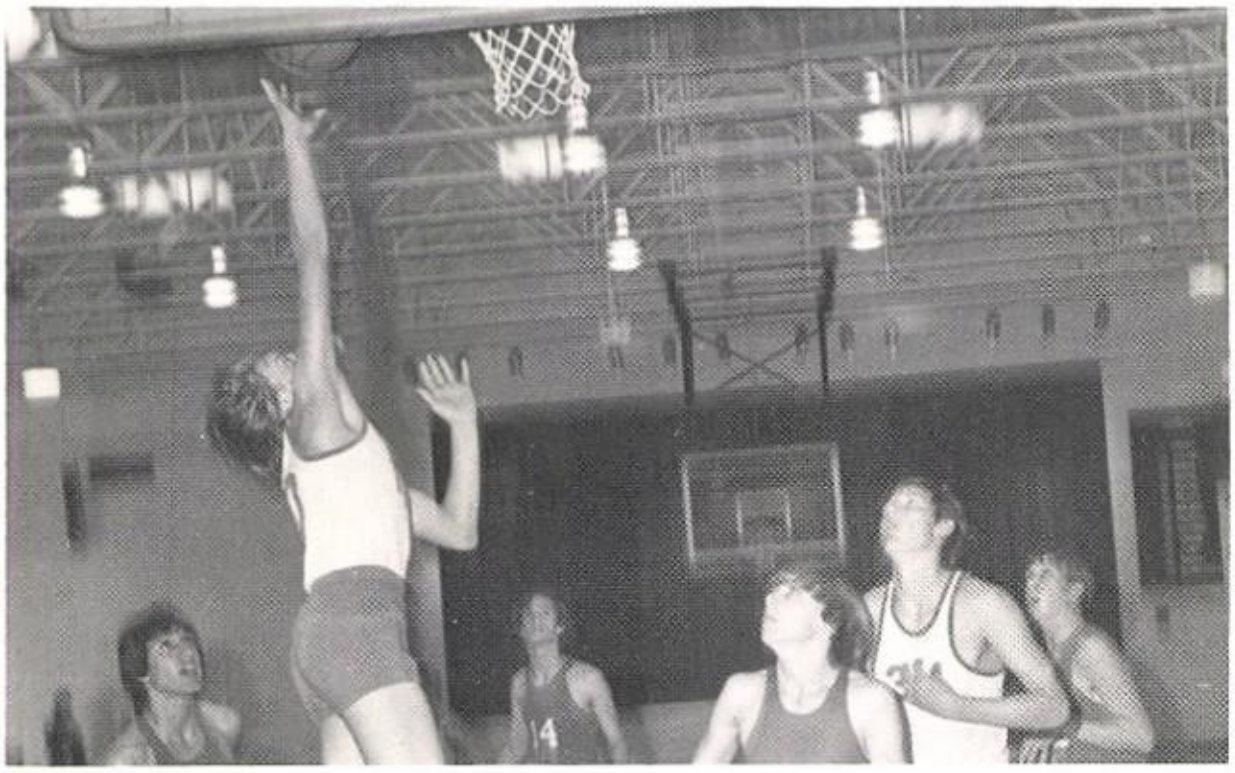
DEDICATION

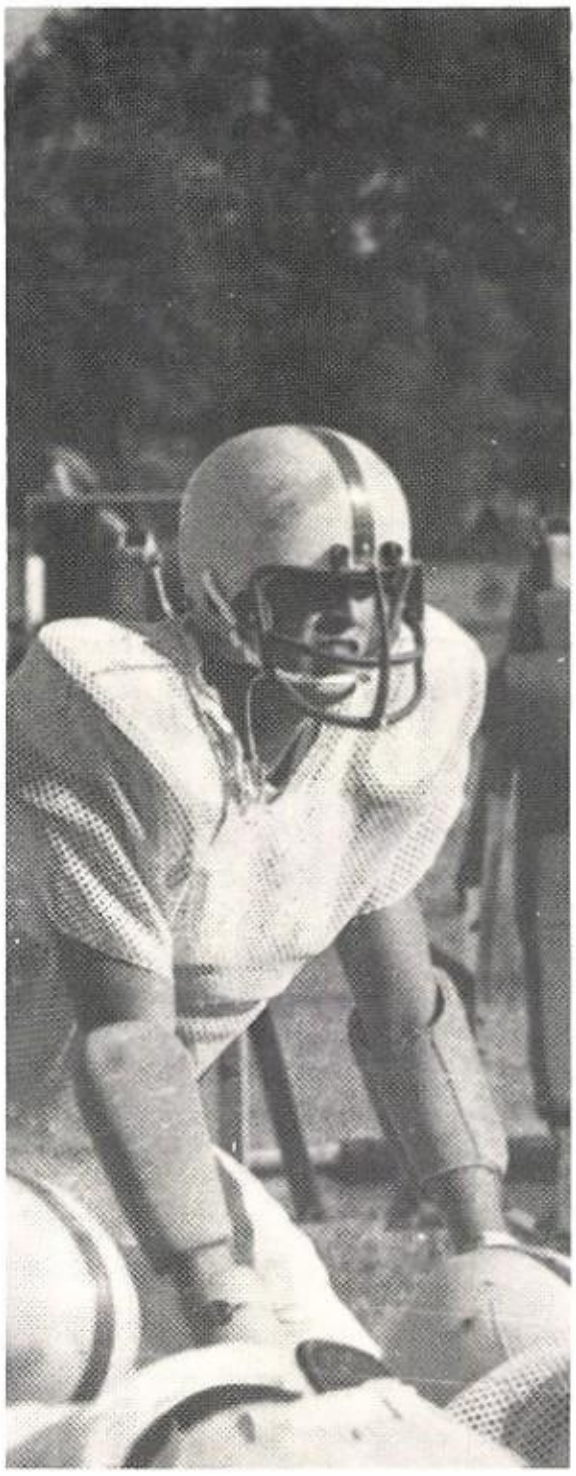
We, the Torch Staff of 1976, dedicate this annual to District 15AA Girls' and State Semi-finalists Boys' Basketball Champions for their outstanding contribution to the athletic program of Prairiland High School. We commend them for their fine sportsmanship, their dedication, determination, and desire to win. We thank them for the hours of enjoyment, the laughter and tears that they have provided in winning the first District Championship and Regional Championship in this memorable Bicentennial Year of the Patriots.

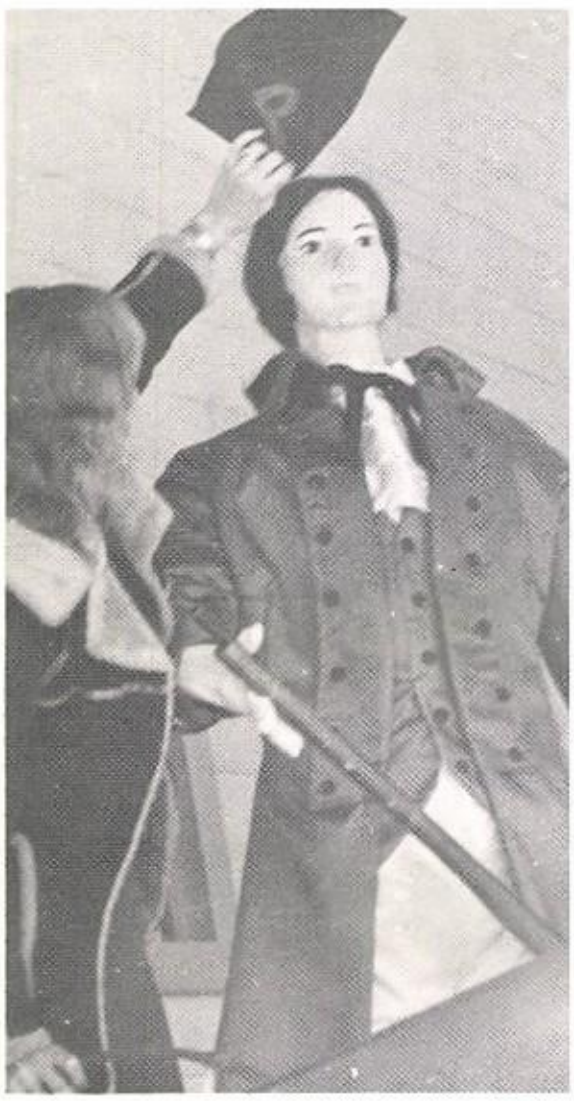


THE YEAR OF THE PATRIOTS

No doubt, Ben Franklin was right when he said, "The next best thing to living life again . . . is a recollection . . . put down in writing" . . . This year at Prairiland has been colorful, challenging, interesting, tearful, and exciting. In addition to being the 200th birthday of our nation, this has been an outstanding year for us at Prairiland - THE YEAR OF THE PATRIOTS!

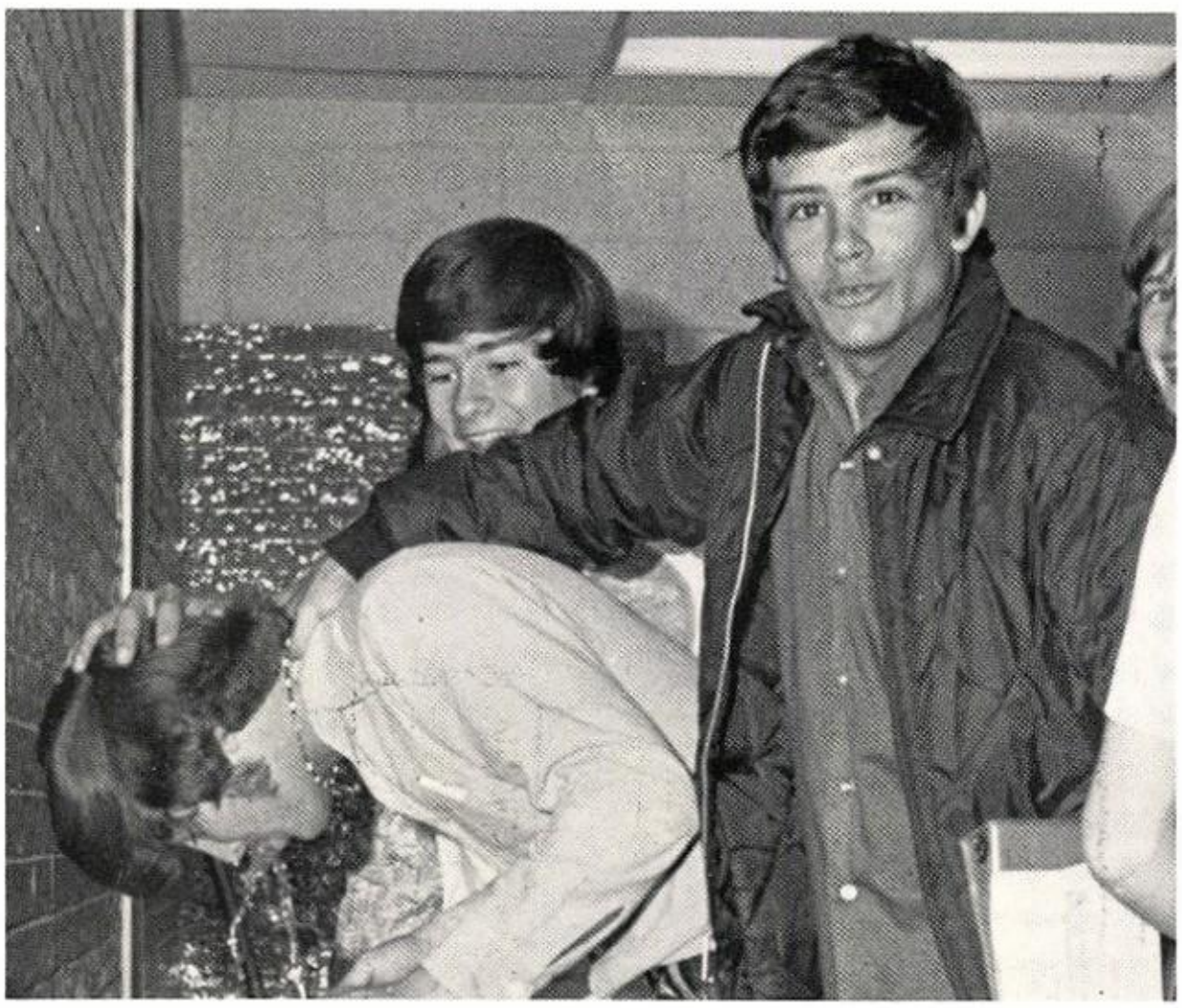


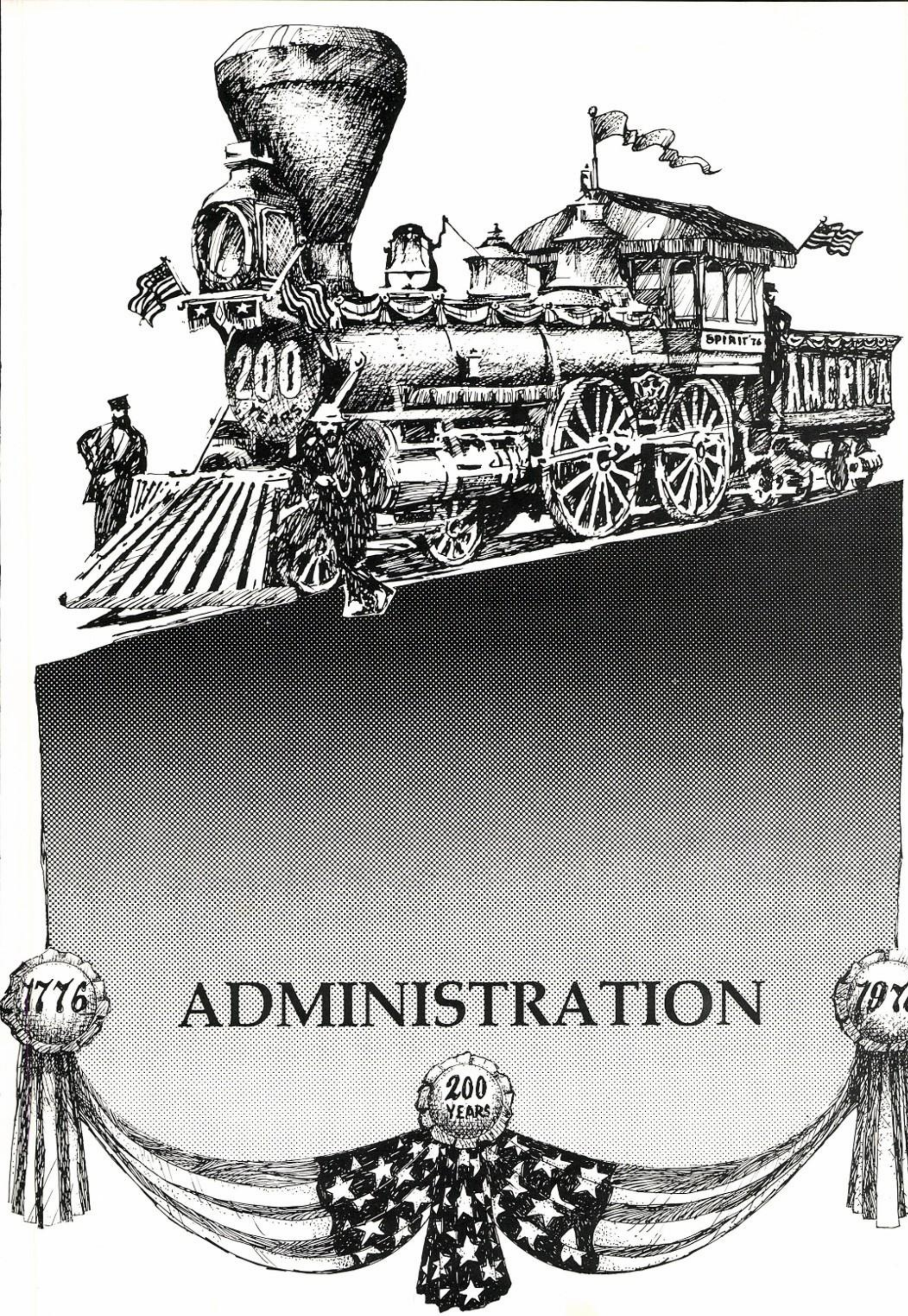




PATRIOTS HAVE SPIRIT!

SPIRIT OF '76





ADMINISTRATION

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

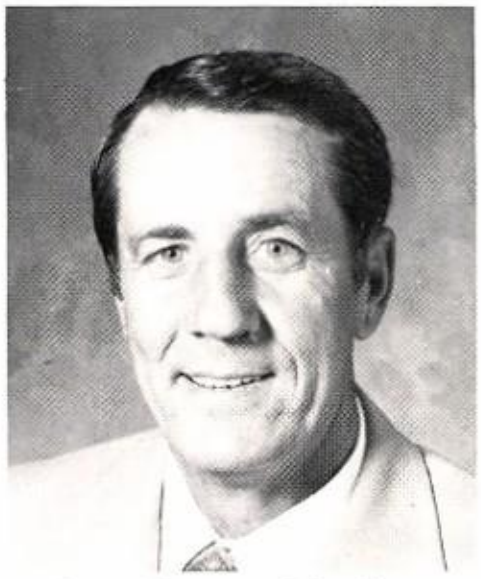
Standing - Bob Allen, Lloyd Sessums, Grady Wright - Superintendent. Seated - Gary Nixon, Pat Bailey, Raymond Hoover.

Mr. Eugene Norwood, President of the Board of Administration, was unable to attend, and a later picture was not available.

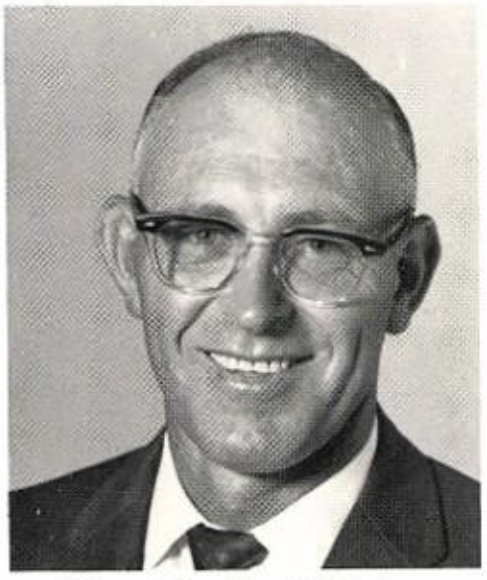
Mr. James Dunagun, Secretary of the Board of Administration, was not present when the picture was made for the yearbook.

OFFICE PERSONNEL

Mr. George Stephens
Principal



Mr. Lester Taylor
Asst. Superintendent



Mr. Grady Wright
Superintendent

Mrs. Joyce Allen
Secretary

Mrs. Daphnia Downs
Counselor

Mrs. Dorothy Ellen Gray
Aide

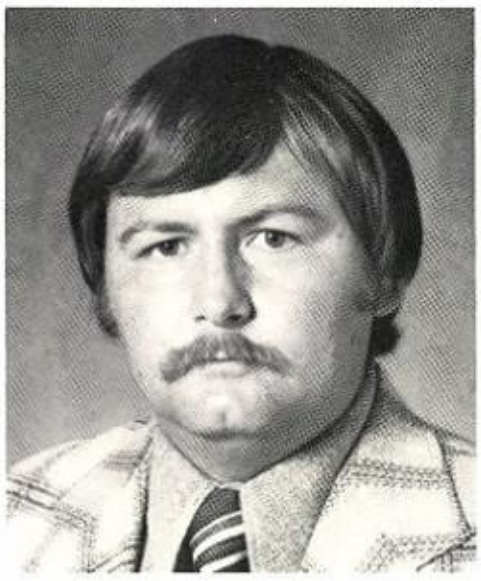
Mrs. Jerry Nell Stout
Tax Assessor

Mrs. Peggy Wood
Lunchroom Coordinator

In this "Year of the Patriots," we especially appreciate the cooperation of our office personnel who have made this year as smooth as possible. We realize the hours of work put in for our benefit. Thank you for your time.

Student Body

FACULTY



Mr. John Aune

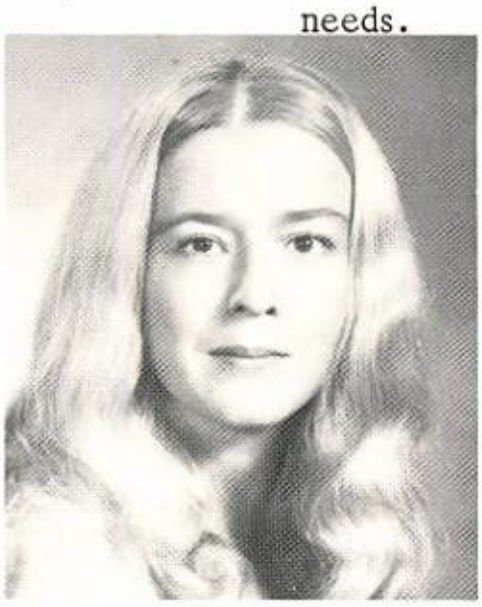
Mrs. Jenita Baker

Mr. Max Ballard

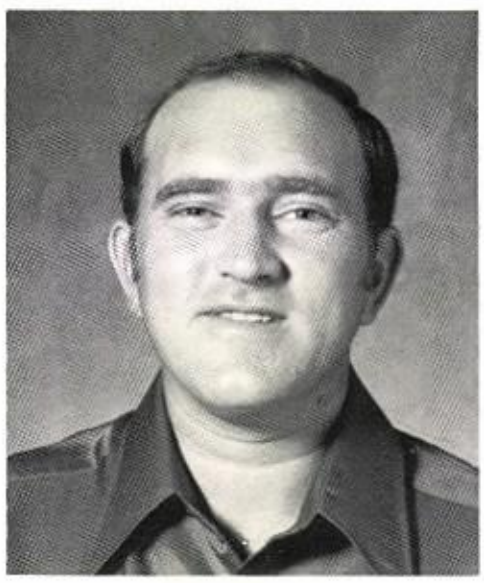
STUDENTS: A candid picture of what goes behind your homework. (Mrs. Baker)

Mrs. Kirkland assists the students in finding books and literature for all their reading needs.

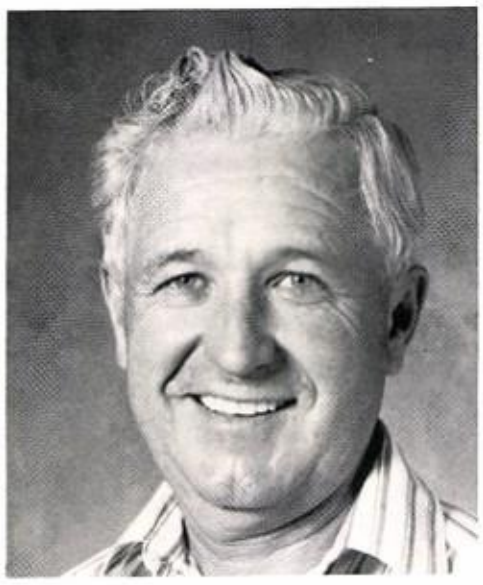
Mrs. Irene Bryant
School Nurse



Mrs. Debby Haren



Mr. Murray Jackson

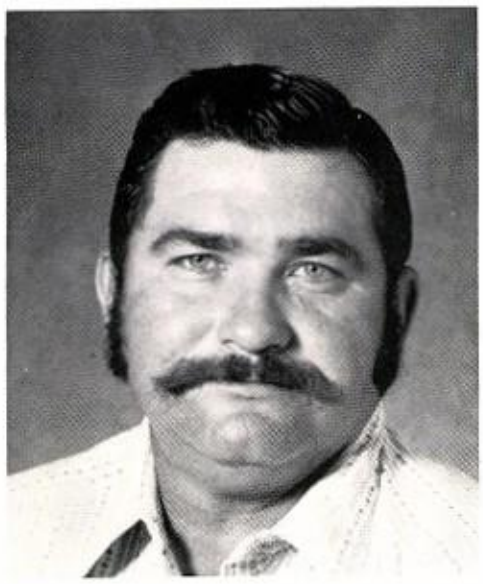


Mr. Bill Jones

Mrs. Virginia Kirkland
Librarian

Mrs. Barbara Martin

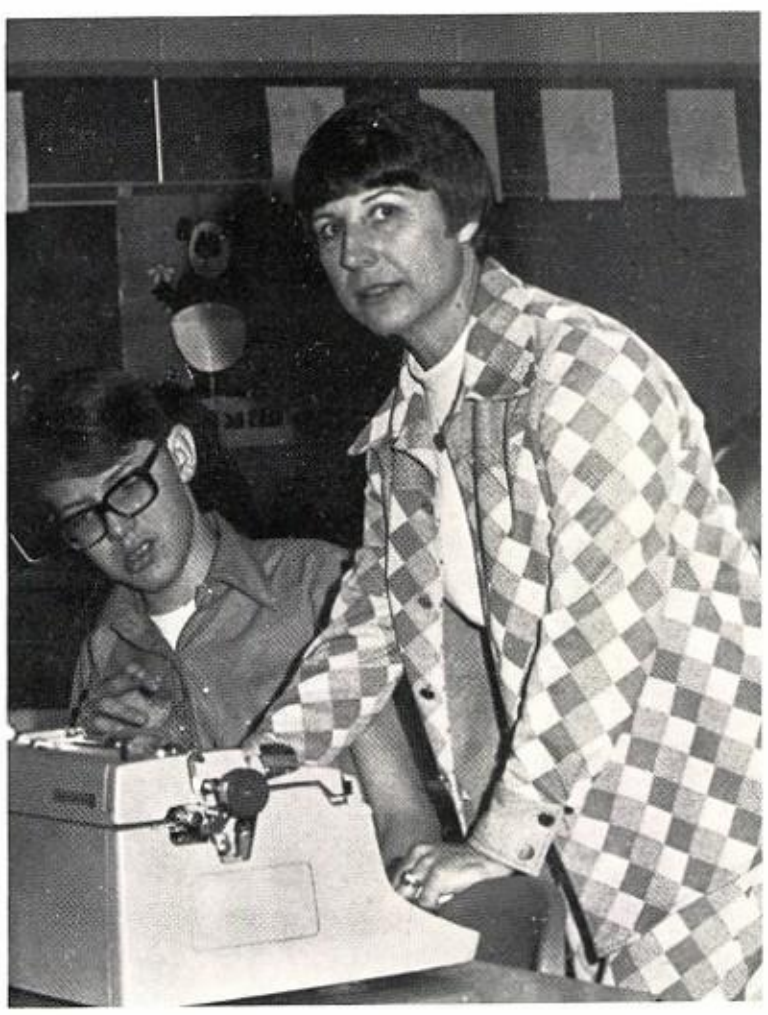
Mrs. Peggy Parsons



Mr. Richard Rast

Mr. Larry Salter

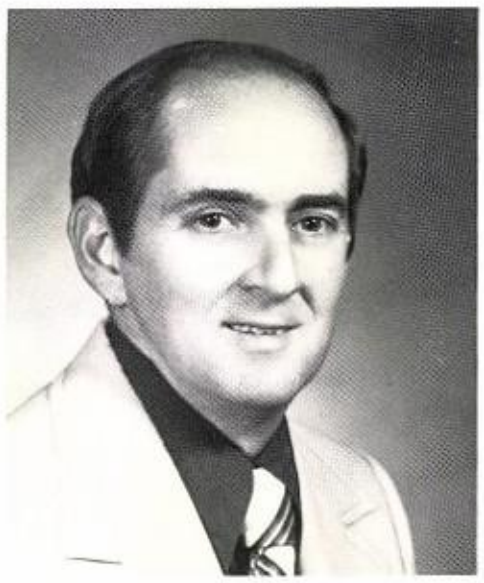
Future Homemakers of America, arise! (B. Burks, Mrs. Martin, B. Hudson, and T. Harbison)



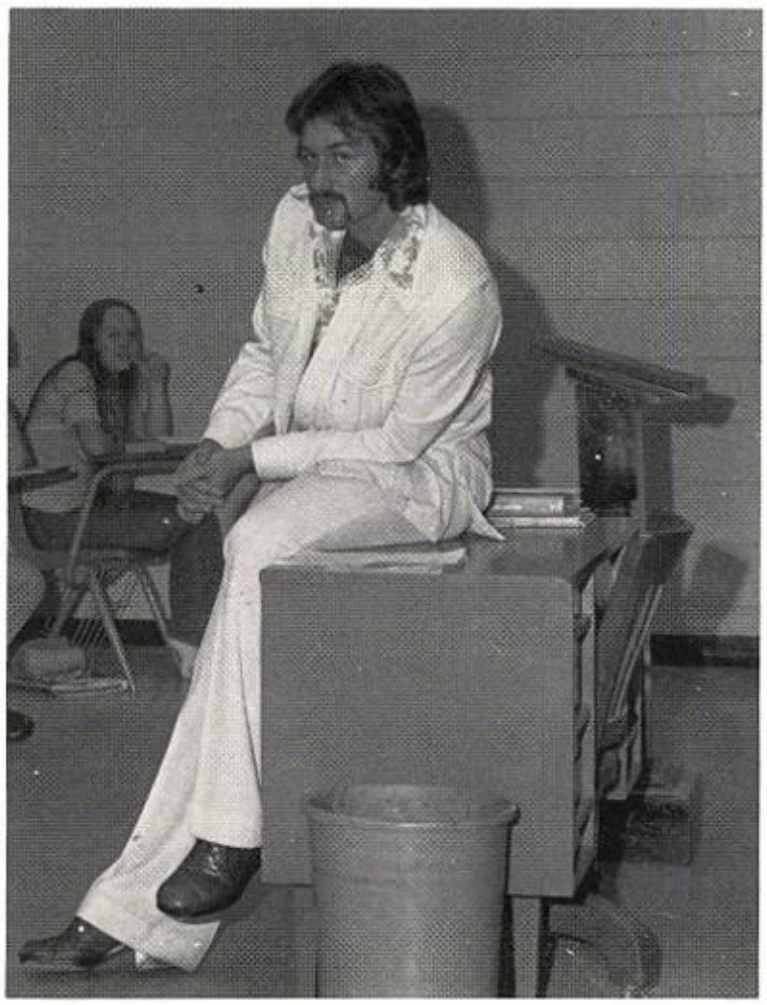
Mrs. Parsons patiently assists Tommy Landreth with his typing difficulties.

Mr. Bill Scudder

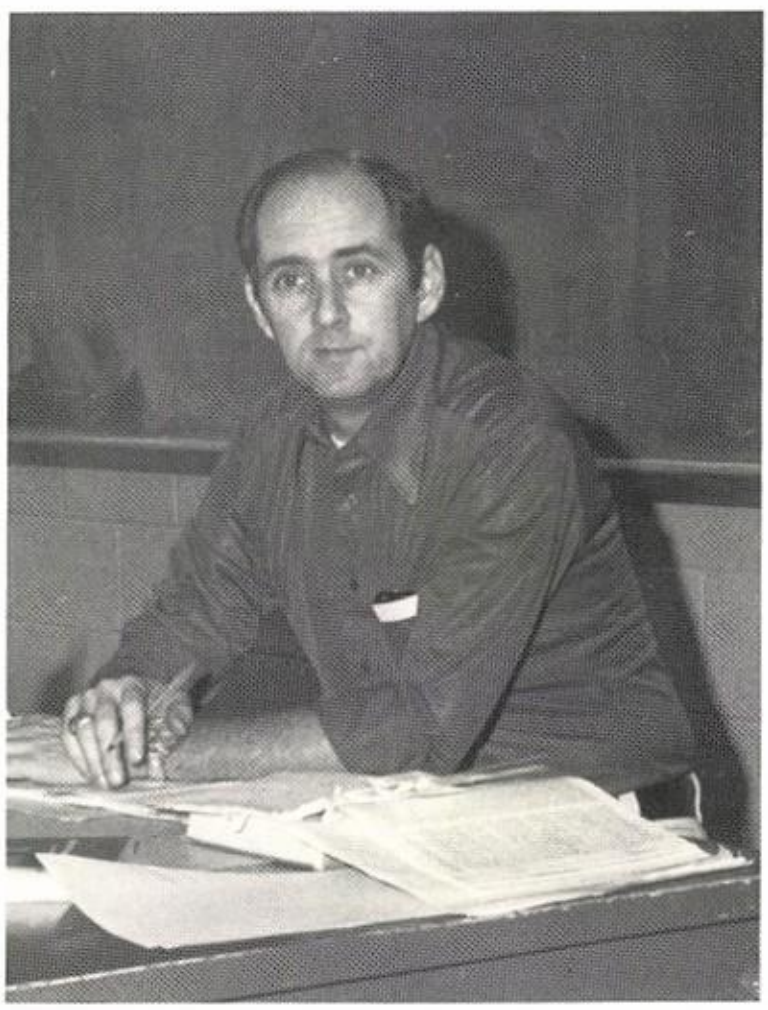
Mrs. Monda Stephens



Mr. L. C. Stout

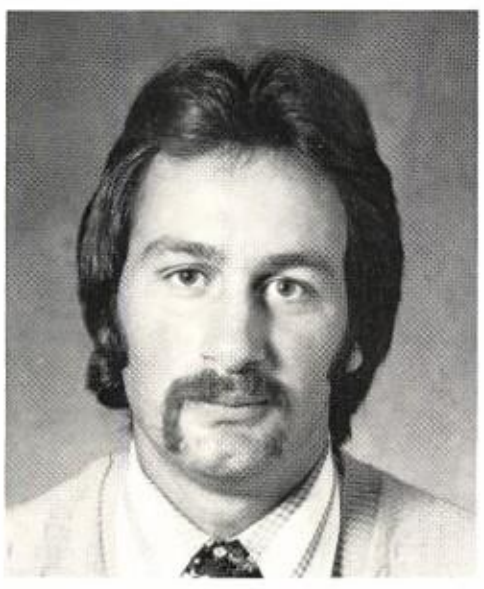


One of Prairiland's newest additions to its faculty is Mr. Mark Weir, former Assistant Basketball Coach at East Texas State University.



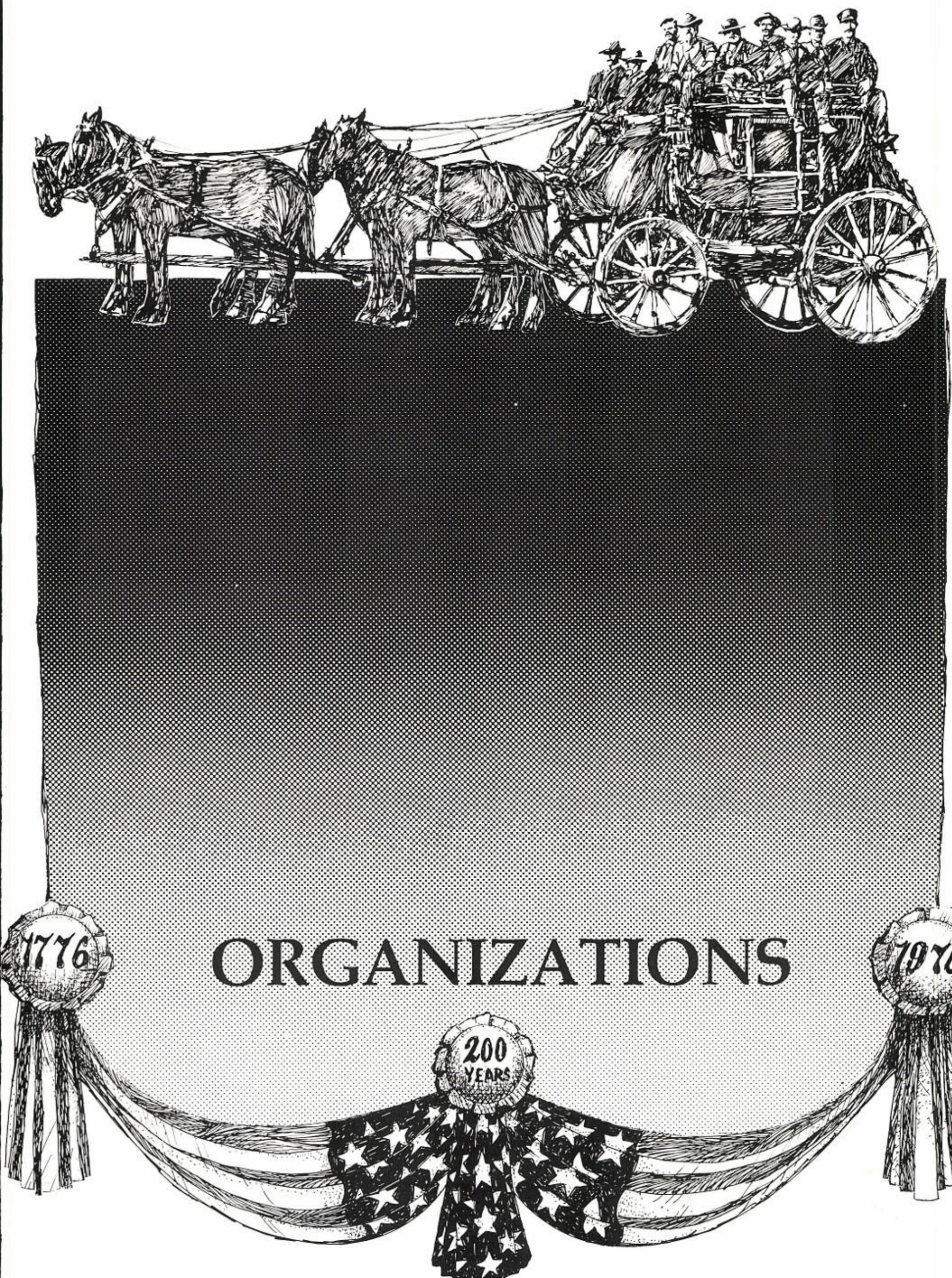
200 years ago today . . . (Mr. Stout)

Mrs. Georgia Watson



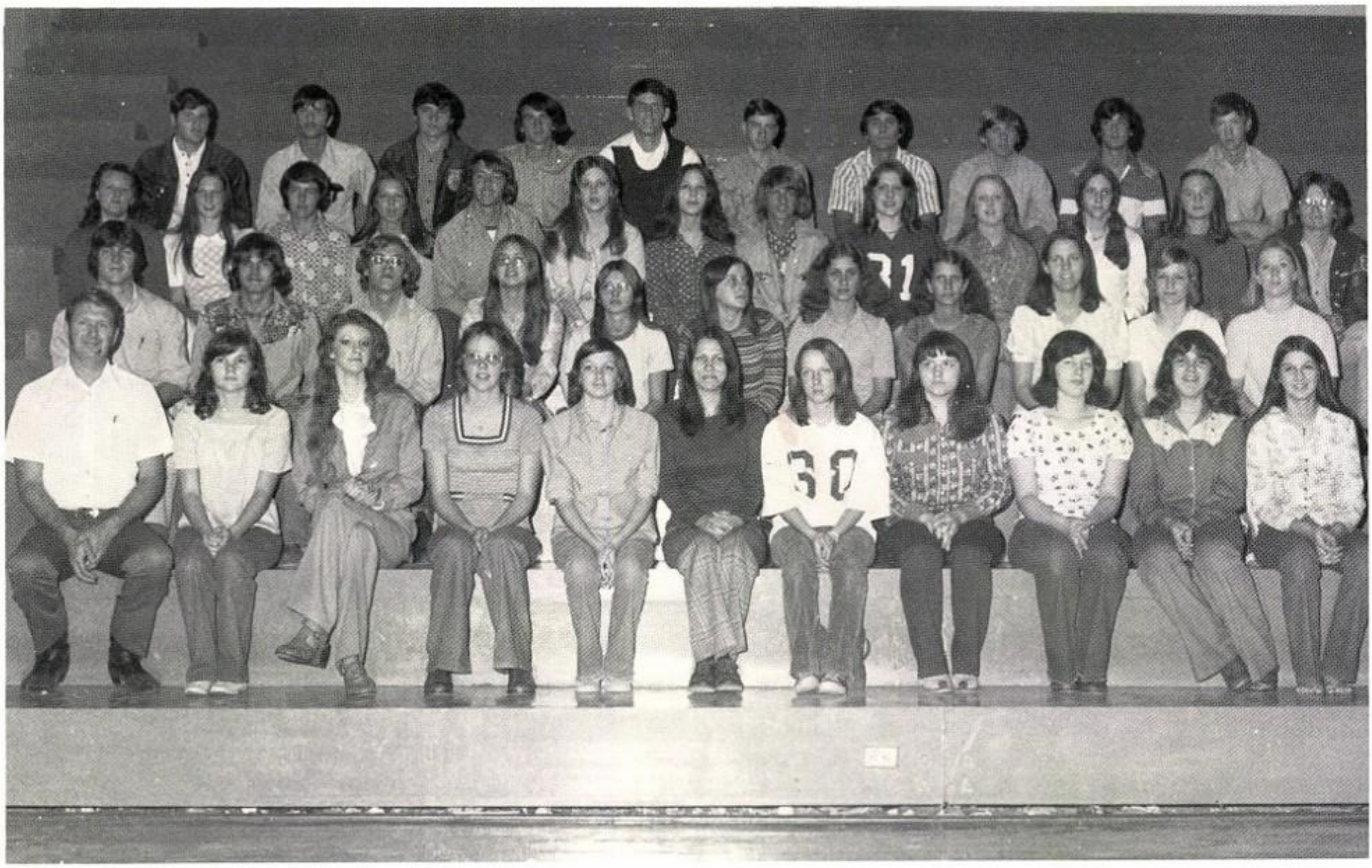
Mr. Mark Weir

Mr. Roy White



ORGANIZATIONS

BETA CLUB



First row (l. to r.) Mr. White - Sponsor, P. Thomas, J. Barnett, R. Merritt, L. Rees, J. Morris, N. Merrill, S. Mullins, L. Johnson, C. Fuller, B. Nichols. Second row - S. Head, G. Crawford, L. Langley, J. Outland, P. Allen, J. Box, L. Sieferman, D. Moore, D. Rater, F. McKnight, L. Woodall. Third row - D. Tully, M. McIntyre, M. Fendley, C. Miller, L. Merritt, C. White, K. Miller, S. Wright, S. Leonard, D. Smith, C. Stout. P. Gribble, B. Allen. Fourth row - K. Wright, T. Mullins, C. Crump, D. Gribble, C. Rater, S. Reeves, K. McDowra, L. Outland, T. Dunn, S. Jenkins.

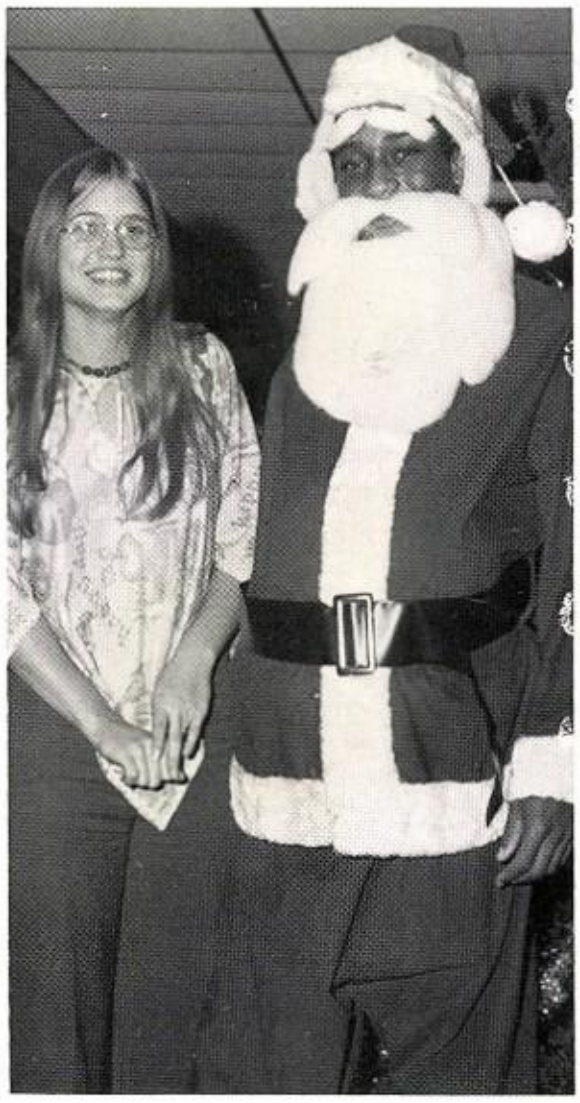
Officers are (l. to r.)
Lukey Merritt, Vice-President
Carole Fuller, Reporter
Debbye White, Treasurer
Patti Thomas, Secretary
Steve Head, President

The Beta Club has grown in membership this year. To attend the Beta Convention in Fort Worth, the members sold Christmas gifts and worked at concession stands. While at the Convention, Prairiland sponsor, Mr. White, was elected State Sponsor for the following year. Steve Head also seemed to have enjoyed the Convention.

CHORAL CLUB

First row (1 to r) N. Skidmore, K. Nixon, R. Green, J. Morris, S. Barnard, K. Griffin, E. Massey, L. Chumbly, W. Dunn, D. Picklesimer, C. Berry, S. Logsdon, C. Miller, M. Jones, S. Martin. Second row (1 to r) S. Cantrell, K. Baily, T. Baily, R. Formby, B. Johnston, D. Dennis, M. Cothom, A. White, Y. Stout, S. Webb, J. Outland, L. Seiferman, D. Moore, M. May. Third row (1 to r) T. Karras, M. Allen, J. Barnes, M. Fendley, J. Daniels, M. Cotham, C. Rater, D. Bassinger, C. Kennedy, H. Johnson, R. Ervin, B. Allen, G. Ballard, J. Dawson, K. Mitchell.

The Choral Club gave the school a program at Christmas. They sang carols for all ages and even had a Santa Claus. At right, Santa, (Marvin Henry) is seen with choral member Jeanne Outland. The director, Mrs. Baker, played the piano with Lisa Dawson at the organ. With their spirit, they certainly made this "Year of the Patriots" joyful.



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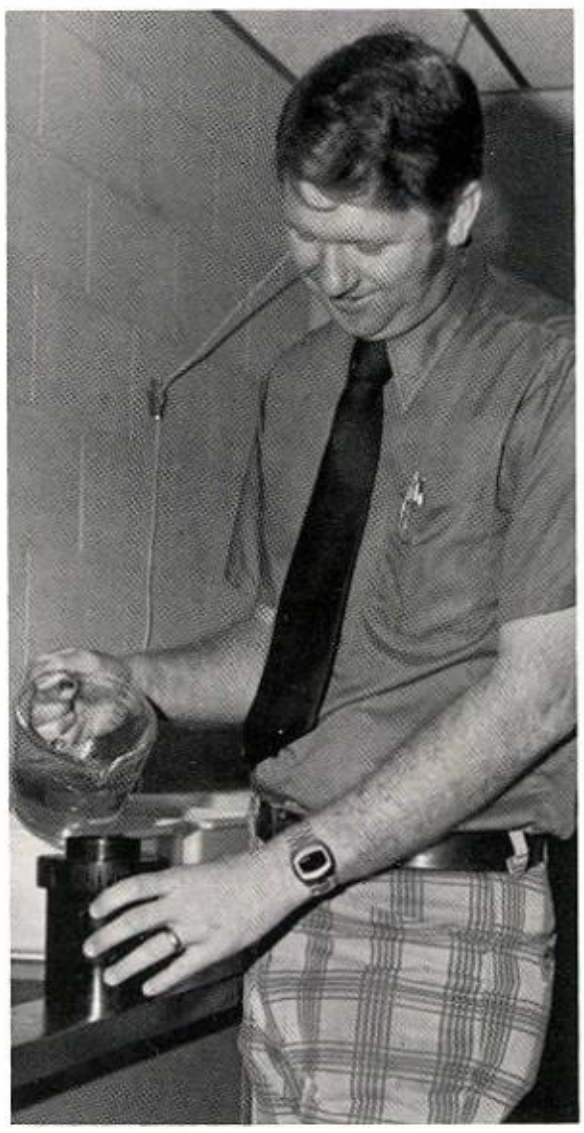
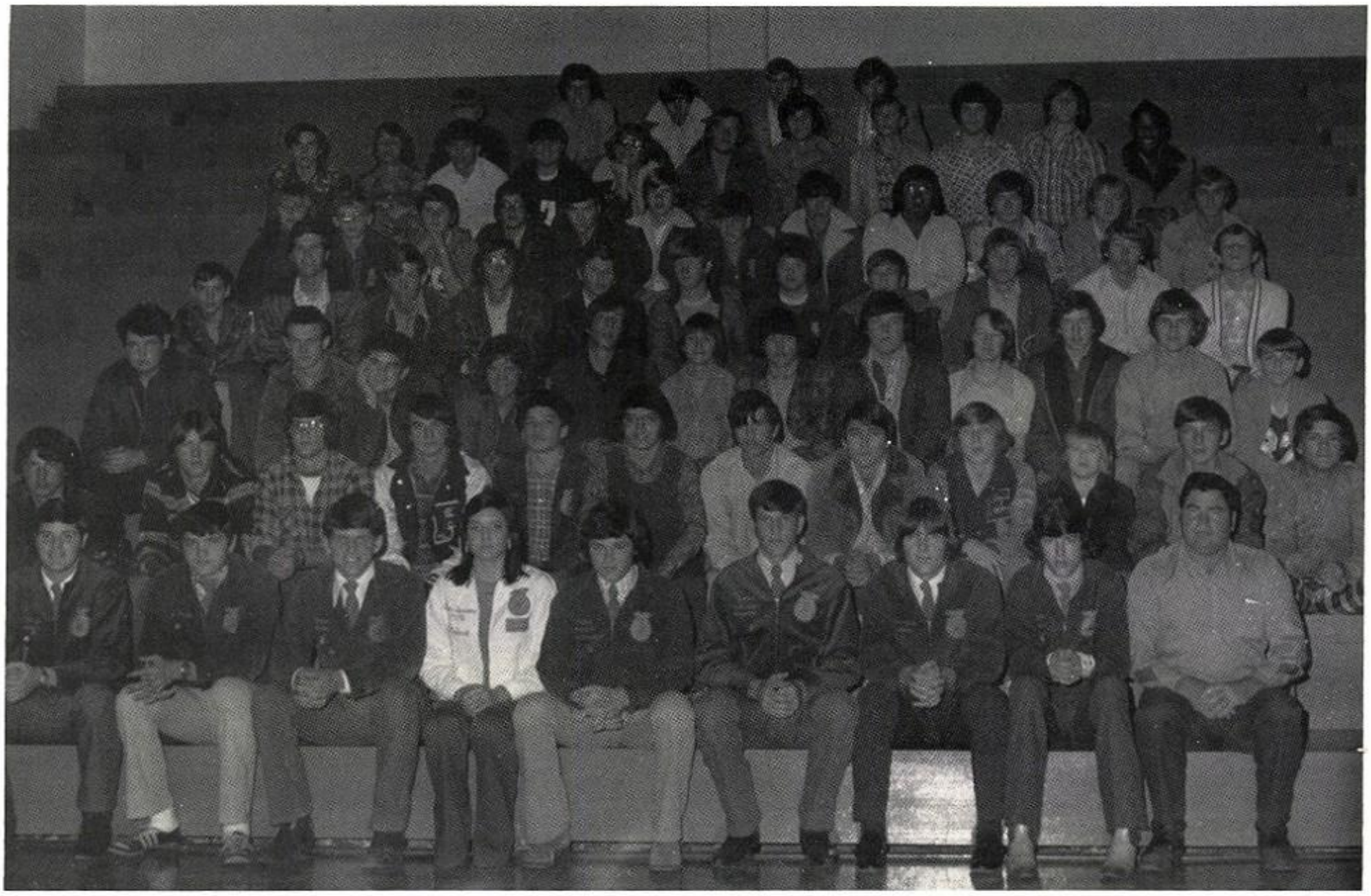


This year, Mr. Roy White worked with Marlon Cotham, Steve Head, and Robert Rudsell in teaching them photography. With their help, they take, develop, and print pictures for the annual. They also took individual sports shots and sold them to the students.



Members are (l. to r.) First row - K. Wright, C. Crump, C. Rater, L. Dawson (Sweetheart), R. Russell, D. Basinger, S. Head, M. Johnston, Mr. Ballard. Second row - L. Moore, H. Johnson, R. Annett, D. Gribble, T. Russell, K. Haley, T. Mullins, K. McDowra, C. Martin, D. Downs, T. Stephens, R. Rhodes. Third row - B. Skidmore, J. Anderson, D. Crawford, J. Jerrit, G. Terry, D. Philpot, K. Gifford, T. Talley, B. Barnard, J. Thompson, D. Sessums. Fourth row - J. Merrill, R. Parks, B. Woodall, R. Norwood, D. Chennault, T. Ervin, D. Davis, M. Swint, T. Malone, L. Merritt, M. Booth. Fifth row - G. Miller, J. Gibson, M. Stout, T. Malone, T. Lacey, K. Klinkerman, J. Malone, K. Gillie, C. Wesley, D. Pasquill, S. Wright, S. Dicken. Sixth row - J. Dawson, J. Shelton, G. Parsons, R. Morris, M. Jones, P. Bettis, J. Barnes, S. Musgrove, M. Allen, C. Kennedy, M. Henry. Seventh row - B. Klimmer, T. Bailey, L. Gillie, D. Ramsey, D. Haley.

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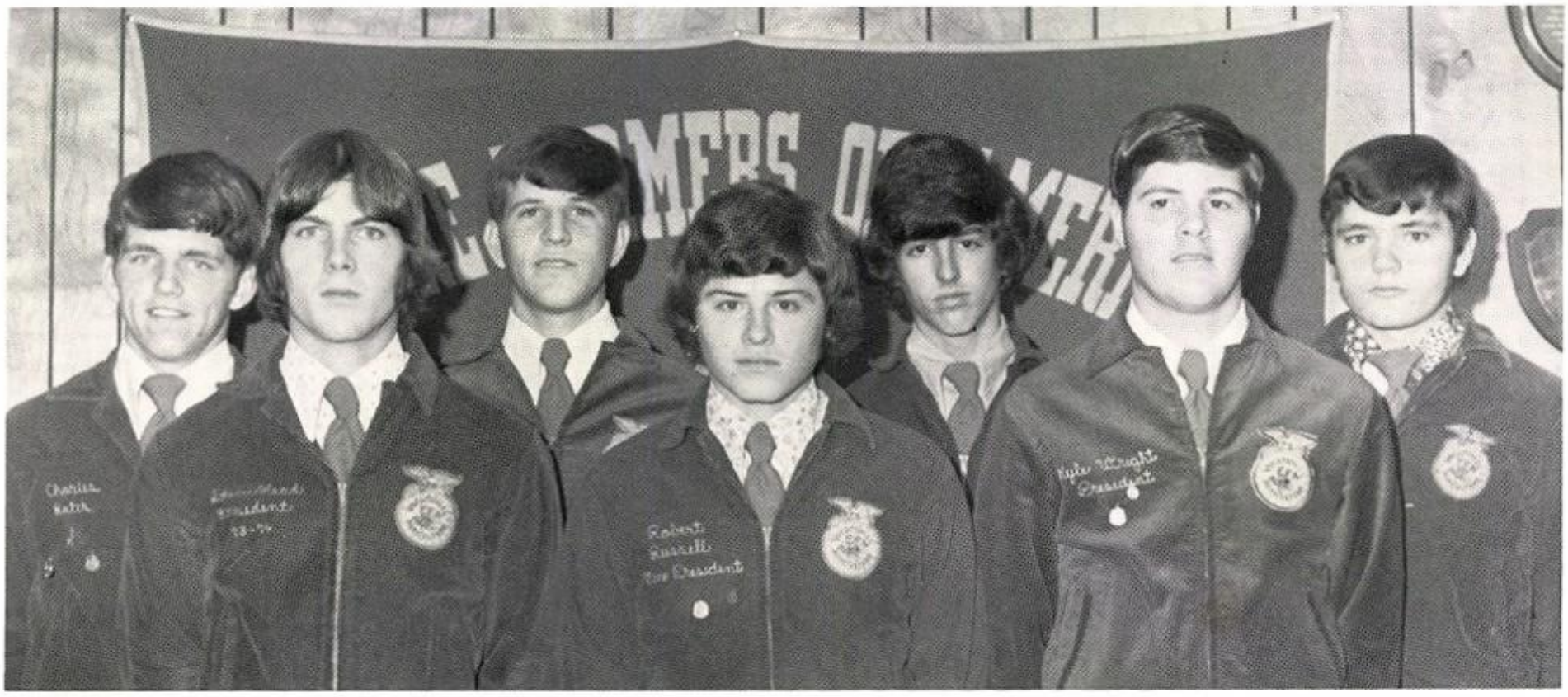
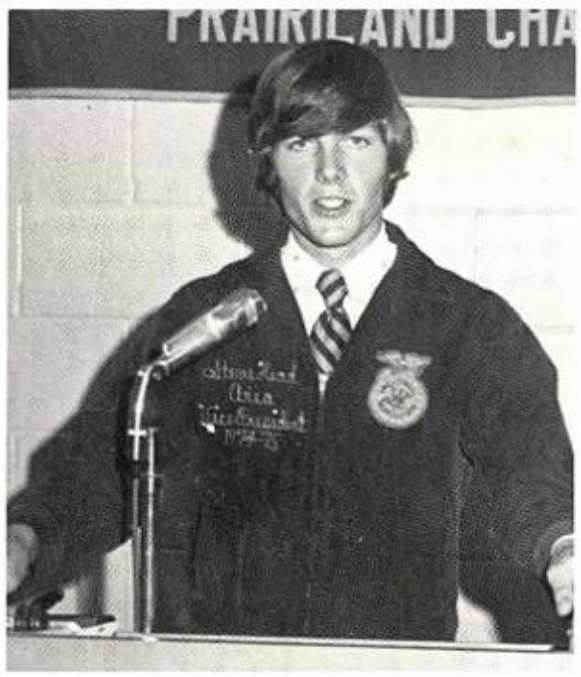
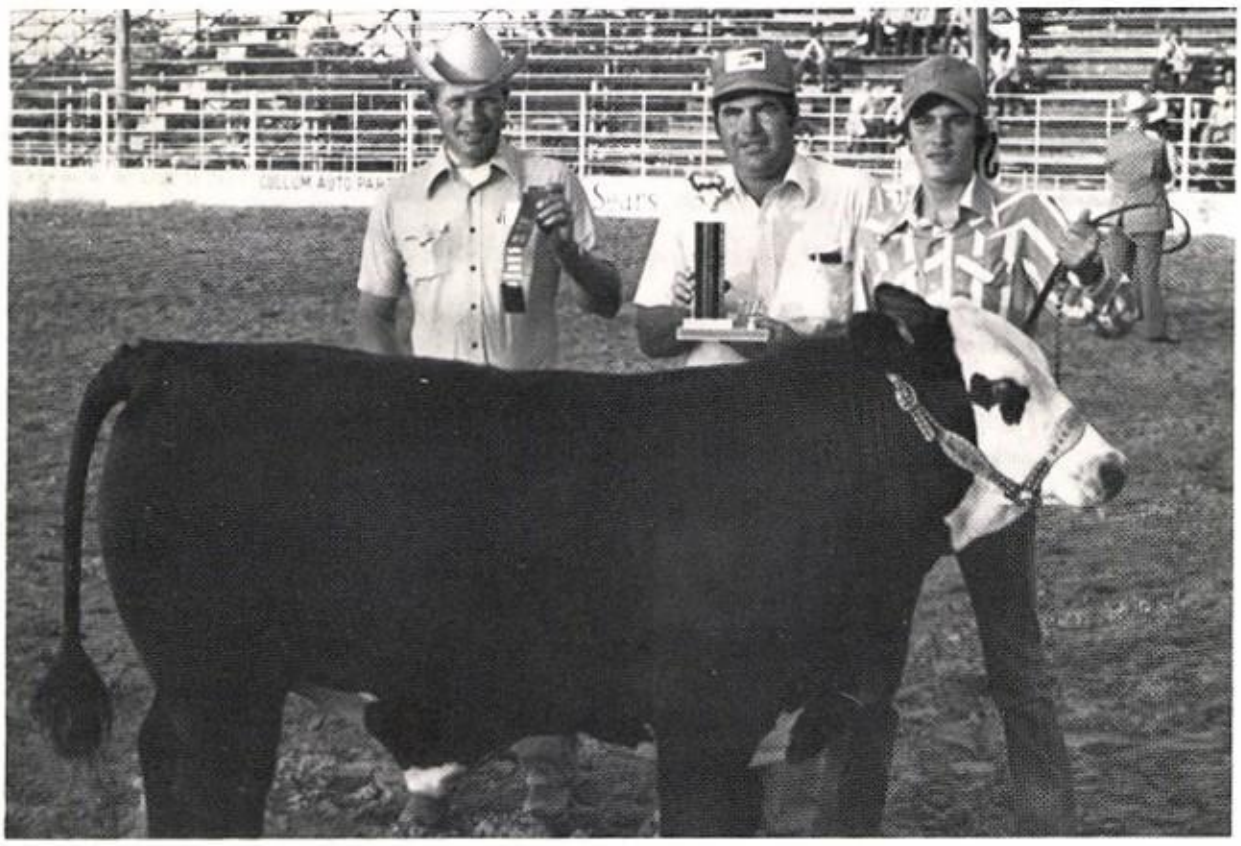


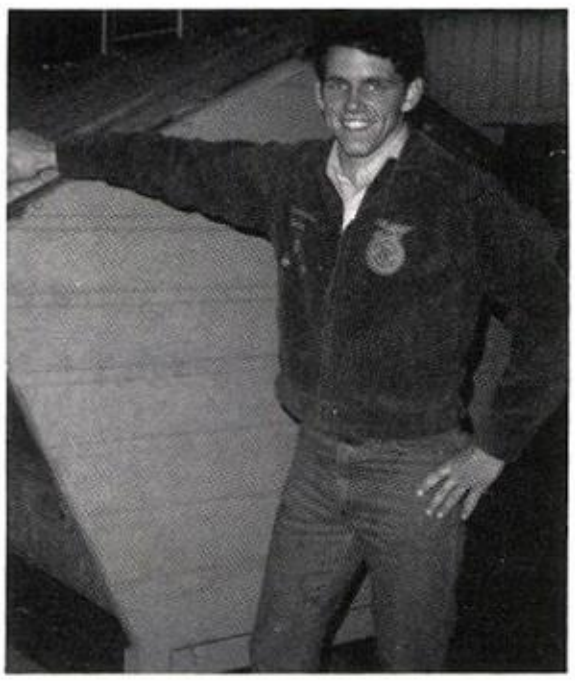
Officers -
Chuck Rater - Secretary
Steve Head - Vice-President
David Basinger - Reporter
Robert Russell - Student Advisory
Monty Johnston - Sentinel
Kyle Wright - President
Charles Crump - Treasurer

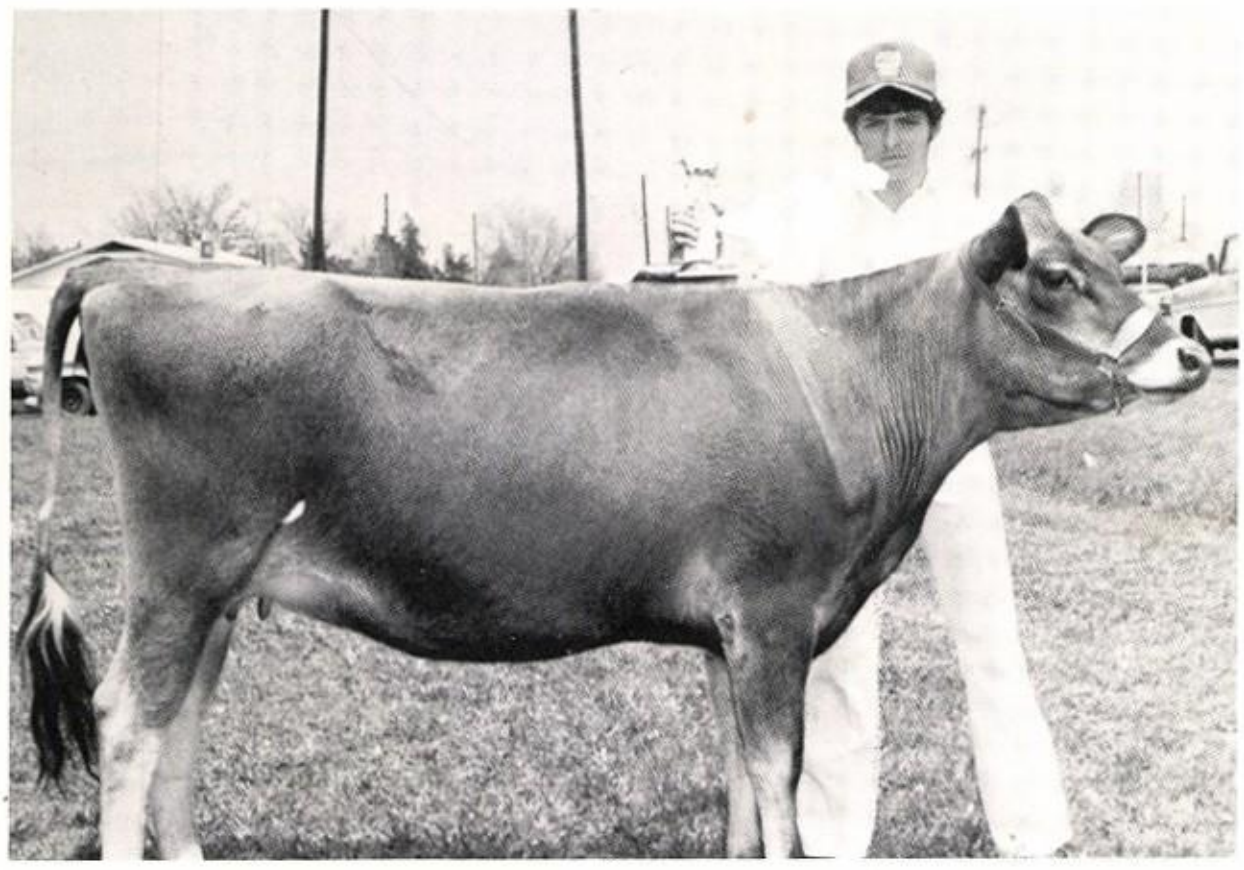
Steve Head, President of Prairiland FFA Chapter in 1975, presides over the FFA Awards Banquet. Attending were FFA members who had received awards over the year. Top picture shows Jimmy Anderson receiving Poultry Produce Award from Steve Head. Phil Cantrell, in bottom picture, is shown receiving the Home Improvement Award from Steve Head.





Carl Jenson, Max Ballard, and Tommy Malone are presenting the Grand Champion Steer of the County Show of 1975. Tommy raised the steer that sold for 1.80 per pound bought by Bonanza Sirloin Pit.





Recipients of the Pig Chain Gilts are Jeff Gibson, Rickey Rhodes, and Rickey Reves. Chuck Rater participated in building this mineral feeder as an Agricultural project. Student in V.A. II, John Shelton is standing in soybeans which are his supervised Experience Program Project. John also has 15 acres of milo. Kenneth Haley, V.A. II Student, is showing his Champion Dairy Female in FFA Chapter Project Show.

FHA

First row (l to r) Y. Stout, M. Martin, D. Dennis, C. Stout, K. Bailey, C. Miller, W. Dunn, C. Newman, A. White, S. Logsdon, P. Sessums, D. Smith. Second row (l to r) F. McKnight, L. Spears, S. Coleman, C. Wolf, D. Hart, B. Nichols, C. Fuller, R. Merritt, D. White, L. Woodall. Third row (l to r) D. White, D. Allen, V. Day, P. Wesley, K. Wilson, T. Merritt, M. Fults, A. Barker, K. Haley, K. Klinkerman, J. Ross. Fourth row (l to r) C. Bassinger, N. Allen, K. Jackson, R. Woodall, T. Johnson, D. Blackburn, C. Johnson, L. Stinson, V. Johnston, C. Berry, S. Gibson, K. Miller. Fifth row (l to r) T. Halbert, T. Groves, C. Sessums, P. Barnett, T. Baughn, L. Brewer, P. Pitts, Y. Jones, W. Richardson, K. Klempin, S. Ebbs. Sixth row (l to r) S. Ham, K. Little, J. Hart, S. Neel, D. Moore, R. Coleman, C. Wolfe, R. Watts, L. Wolf, C. Johnson. Seventh row (l to r) B. Skidmore, D. Sessums, L. Langley.

FHA: Standing (left to right)

Sherry Logsdon - Parliamentarian
Wyn Dunn - Secretary
Alice White - Historian
Connie Newman - Treasurer
Paula Sessums - Sgt.-at-Arms
Dannette Smith - Sgt.-at-Arms

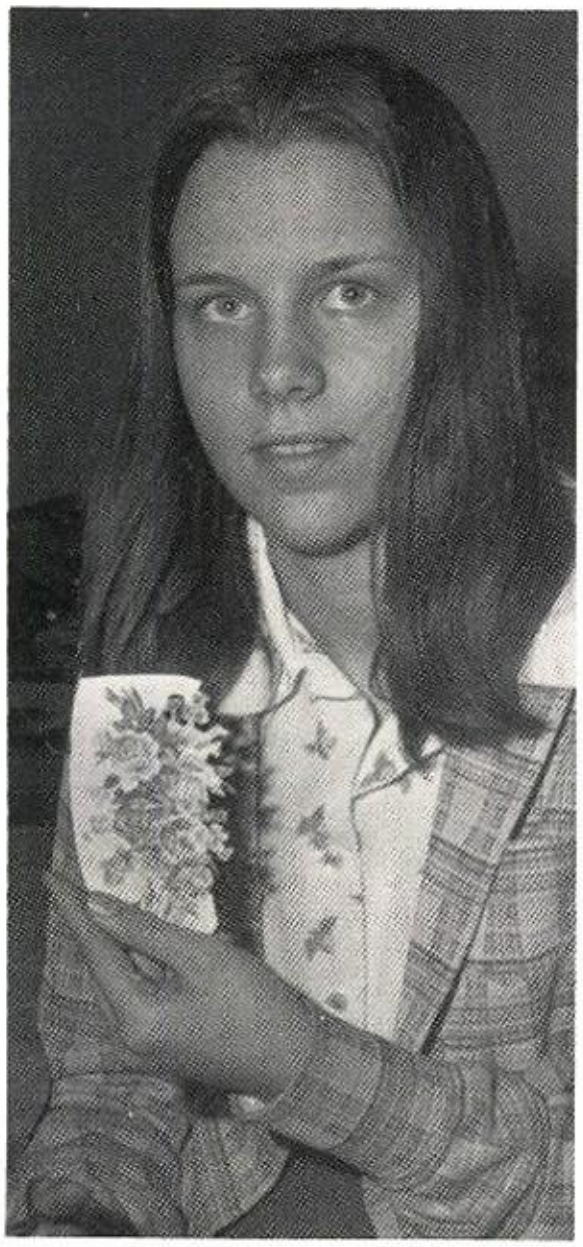
Sitting (left to right)

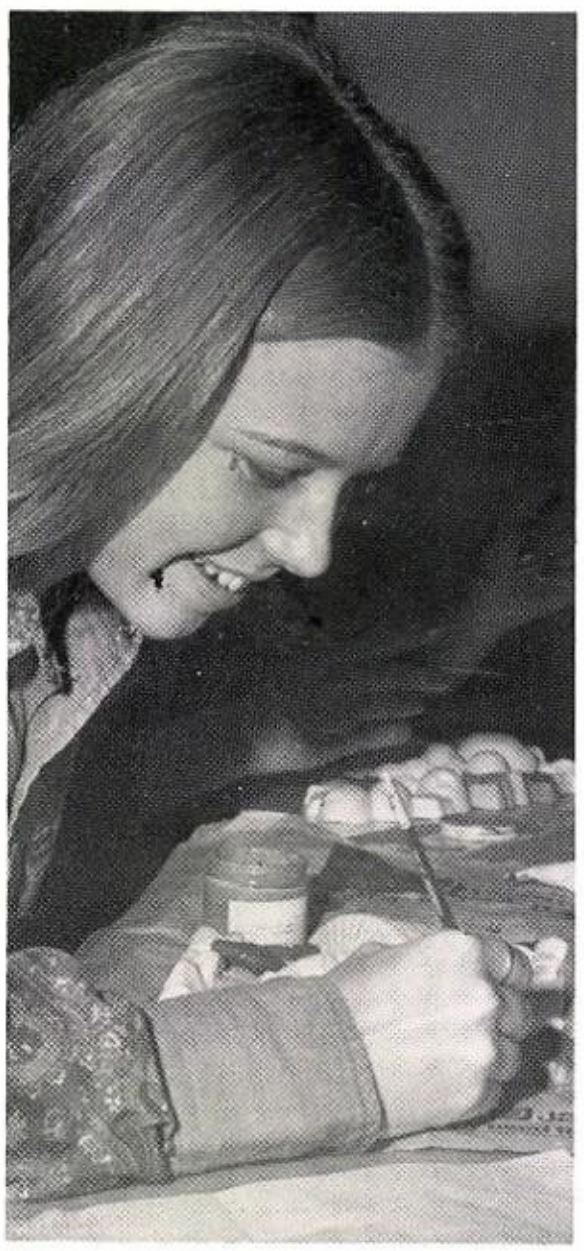
Cindy Miller - Fifth VP
Kelly Bailey - Fourth VP
Cathy Stout - Third VP
Donna Dennis - Second VP
Merita Martin - First VP
Yvonne Stout - President

Brian and Tommy learn new skills in the Arts and Crafts unit of the Home nd Family class. Karen Griffin and her dog, Haley, presented a program on "How Guide Dogs Are Trained."

Coralea Basinger shows a Home-making class how to make hang-ing baskets.

FHA STATE DELEGATES: Kim, Linda, Cathy, and Yvonne, enjoy lunch at Salado Texas.





AT RIGHT: Debbie Rater displays her Arts and Crafts project.
AT FAR RIGHT: Cindy Miller enjoys the Arts and Crafts unit.
AT BOTTOM: Sharon, Cindy, and Linda paint by music.

Tommy and David are learning to leather tool.
AT BOTTOM LEFT: Wyn is learning to expand her sewing skill.
AT BOTTOM RIGHT: David stamps his belt in this year's Home and Family Living Leather Unit.

MATH AND SCIENCE CLUB

First row (l to r) L. Clarkston, R. Russell, S. Head, C. Rater, R. Annett, H. Johnson, T. Gibson, T. Harbison, C. White, C. Johnson. Secon row (l to r) D. Rater, C. Miller, L. Johnson, M. Cothom, K. Bailey, C. Berry, S. Logsdon, B. Hudson, A. White, C. Fuller. Third row - S. Leonard, B. Johnson, F. McKnight, P. Sessum, J. Box, C. Stout, D. Igo, B. Nichols, W. Blount. Fourth row - C. Martin, Y. Jones, K. Jackson, V. Day, V. Holbert, K. Miller. Fifth row - V. Jenkins, T. Malone, D. Gribble, D. Smith, B. Mullins. Top row - Sponsor Mr. Aune, G. Crawford, and Sponsor Roy White.

Becky, Cindy, Randy, Debbie and Tommy work in the science lab.

MUSKETT STAFF

With the money raised by the MUSKET Staff from the sale of MUSKETS, immediate plans for the purchase of a new trophy case have been made.

Seated (left to right) Nita Skidmore, Marlon Cotham, Sherry Logsdon, Susan Leonard, Wyn Dunn. Standing - Mike Allen, Sherry Gibson, Joe Francis, Mrs. Virginia Kirkland, Marla Cotham, Tina Gibson, Darla Igo.

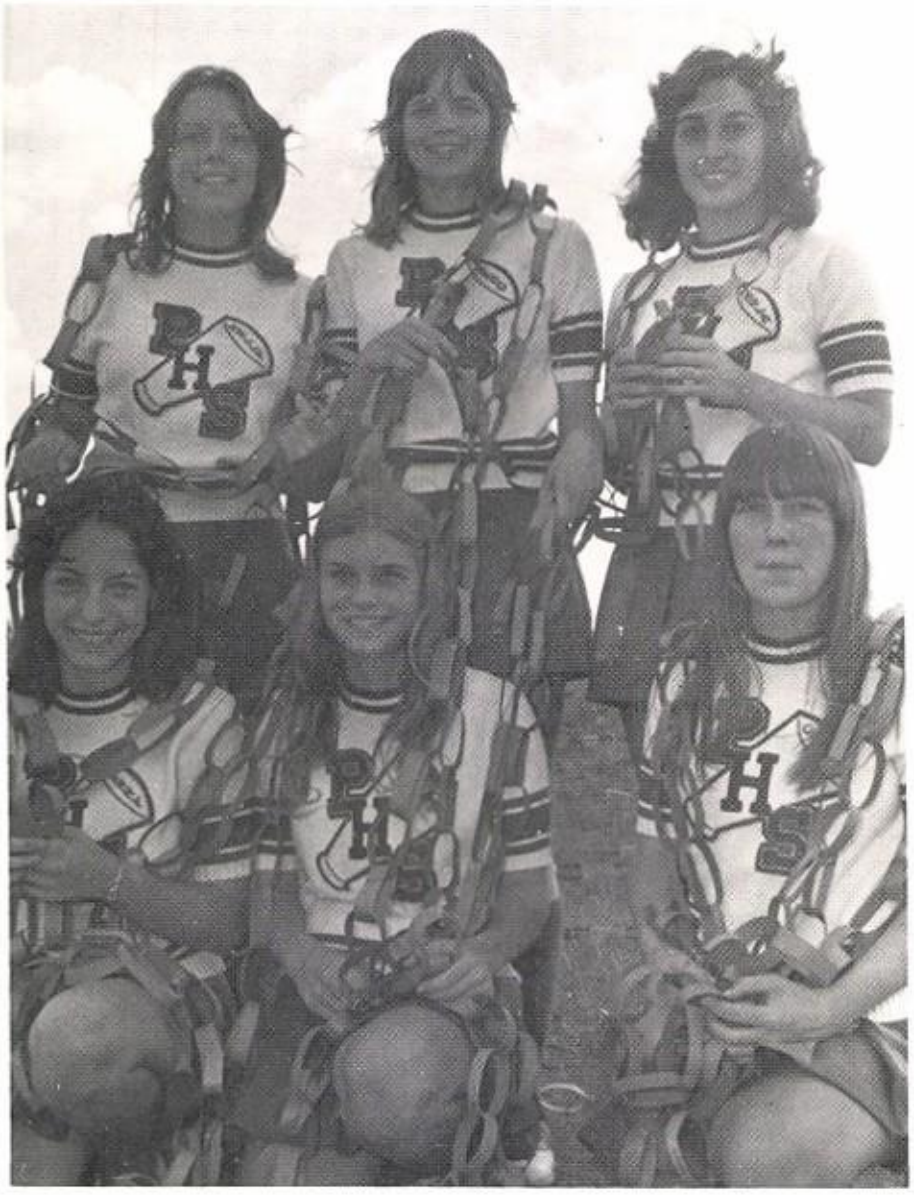
STUDENT COUNCIL

STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES: (1 to r) S. Wright, S. Ham, D. Smith, M. McIntyre, B. Burks, Counselor Mrs. Stephens, M. Cothom, B. Mullins, S. Head, W. Dunn, M. Henry. Kneeling - N. Skidmore, M. Martin.

Prairiland Student Council plays an important role in student life of our campus.

Involvement was the central objective throughout the year - Competition between classes soared when links were sold for a penny to construct chains that reacted several times across the football field. - Students were involved in decorating the class room doors for Christmas. -Val-a-grams were sold and delivered to individuals on Feb. 14th. - Sale of mums with red, white, and blue streamers totaled a 100. - Homecoming had all the color and pageantry befitting the "Year of the Patriots." - Students of the Month were selected on the basis of participation in school activities, sportsmanship and school spirit. - The council sponsored the raising of the flag and the prayer at football home games.

Student Council Representative Marvin Henry discussed with Jay Mitchell about the "missing link!"



LEFT: CHEERLEADERS: Front row - Terri Bailey, Sherry Logsdon, Cindy Berry. Back row - Kelly Bailey, Bebo Blackburn, and Marla Cothom help the Student Council by straightening lengths of chain.
ABOVE: (l to r) Tommy Harbison, Brian Burks, Nita Skidmore, Merita Martin, and Steve Head, Student Council Officers, have to take the pennies received for chain links in a wheelbarrow to the bank.

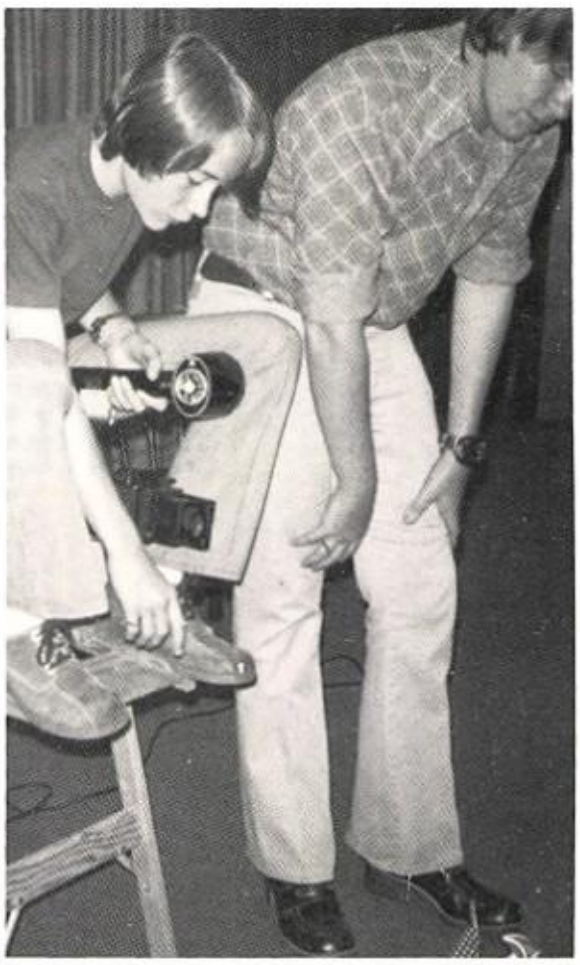
TORCH STAFF

Lisa Johnson ------Asst. Business Manager
Patti Thomas ----------Editor
Judy Barnett ----Associate Editor
Fran McKnight ----Deport Editor
Charles Martin -----Sports Editor
Bob Allen -----Business Manager
Jeri Ann Box------Blossom Editor
Peggy Parsons ----------Advisor
Georgia Watson---------Advisor
Britt Barnard--Head Photographer
Cindy White--Asst. Photographer
Roy White ----------Advisor

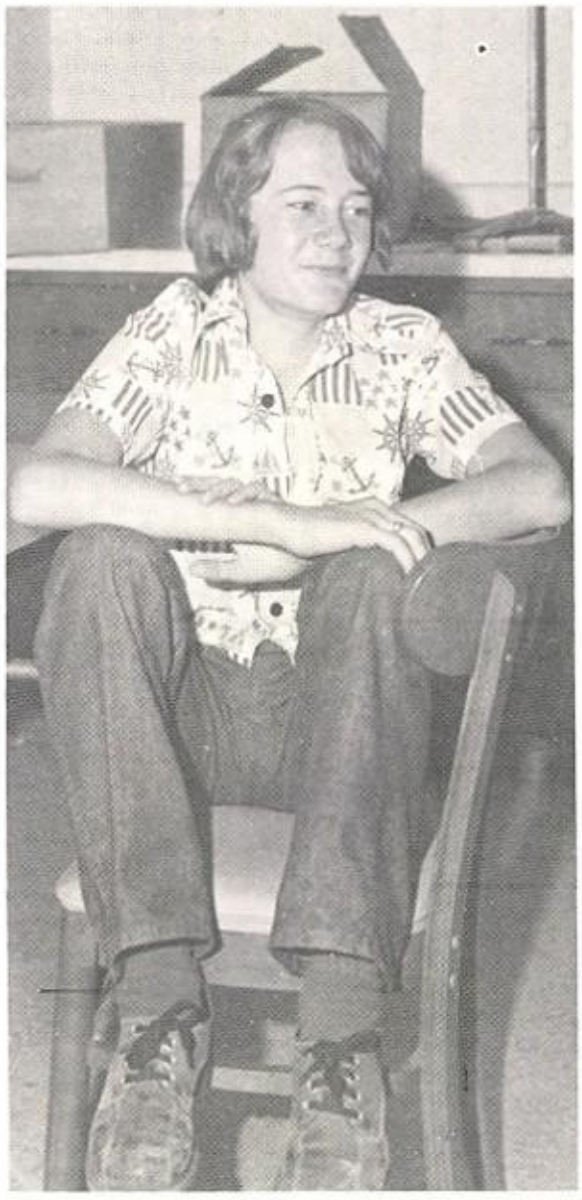
Cindy and Patti "working" on the Annual!

Judy diligently works on yearbook script.

AT LEFT: We know how to goof-off and make it look like work.
BELOW: Britt and Bob work on this year's inside cover.



Britt relaxes after selling ads.



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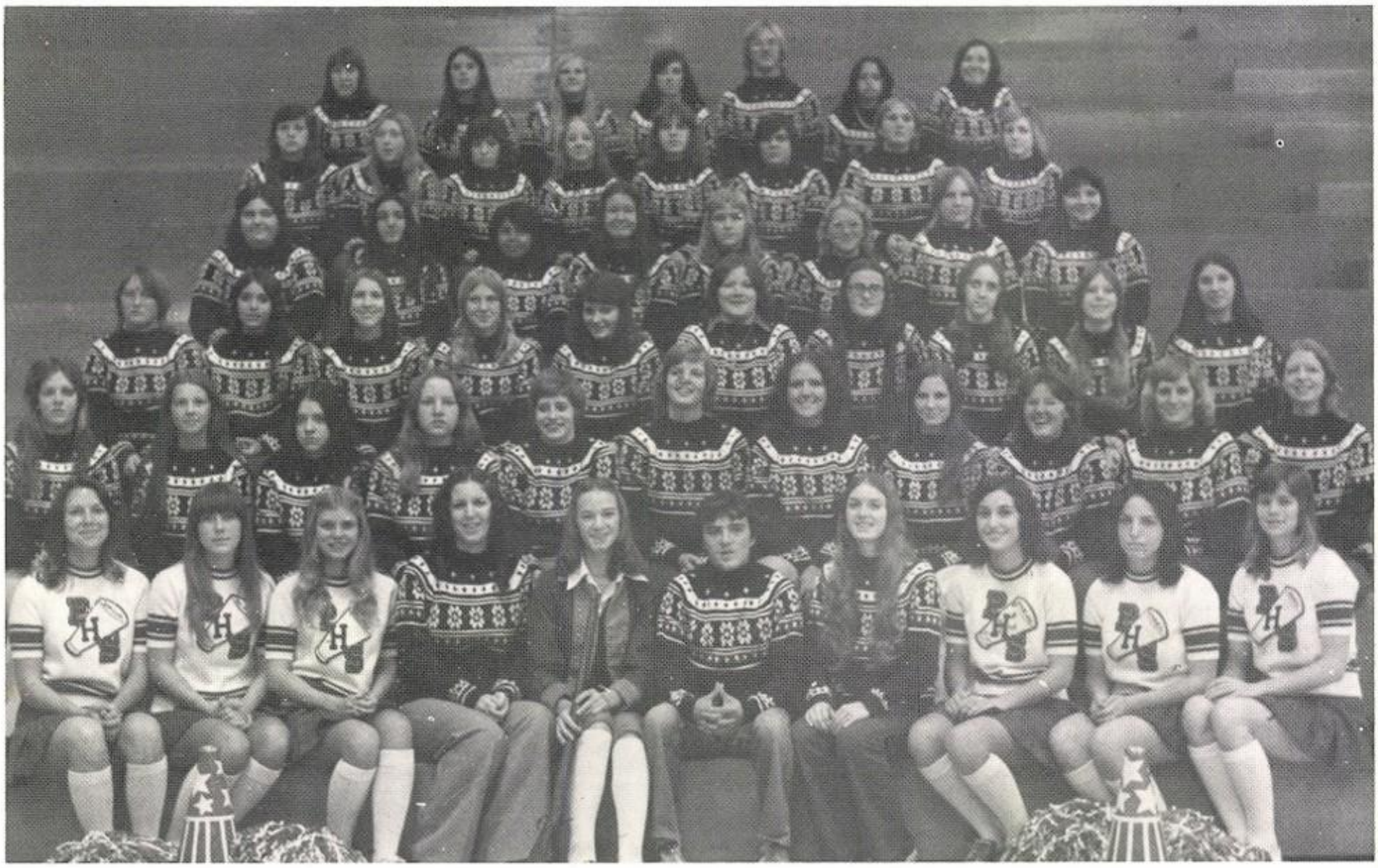
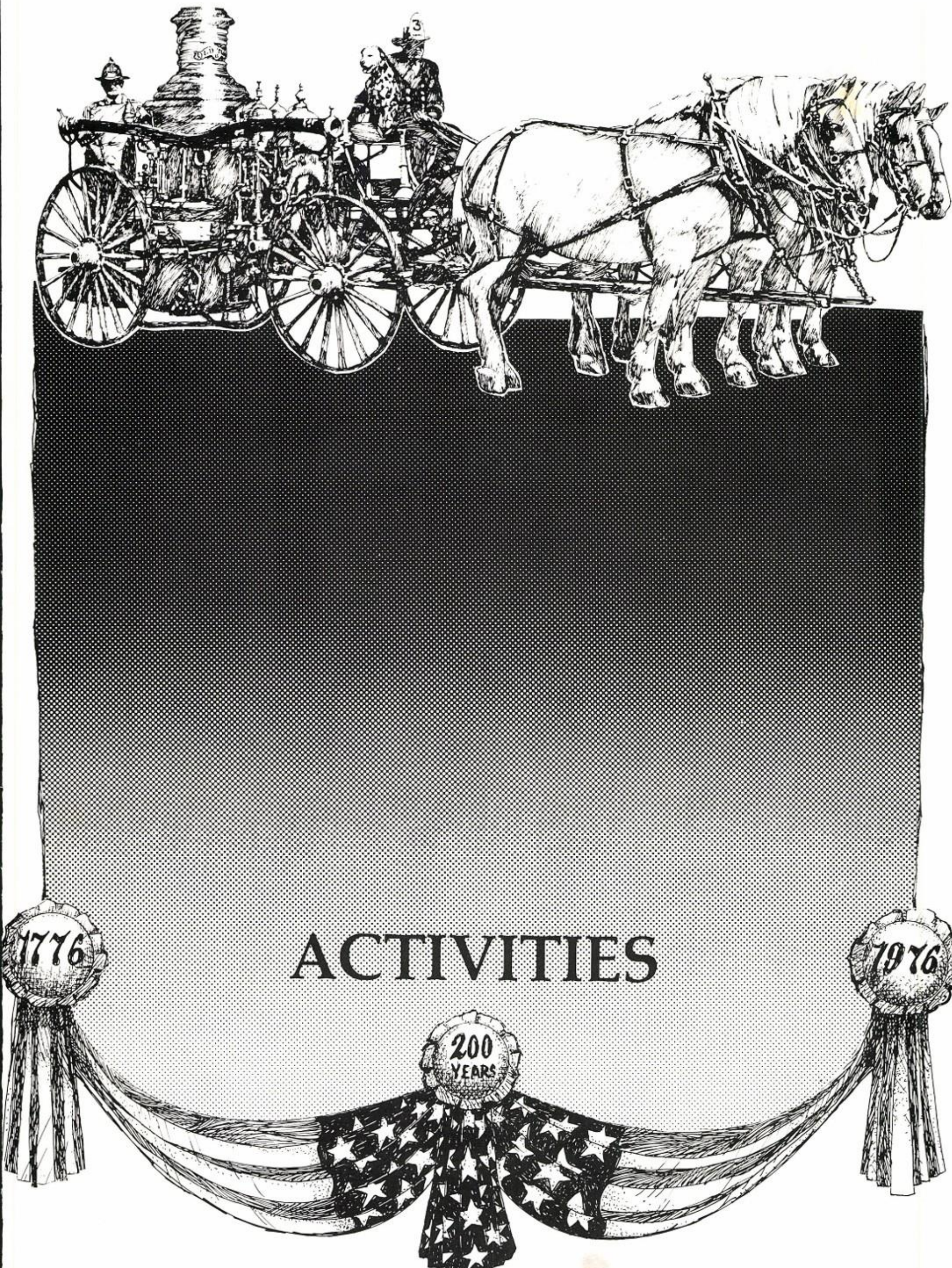


Members are (l. to r.) K. Bailey, C. Berry, S. Logsden, Y. Stout, P. Gribble, D. Haley, W. Dunn, M. Cothom, T. Bailey, B. Blackburn. Second row - C. White, C. Miller, P. Pitts, T. Merritt, M. Fults, K. Klinkerman, L. Clarkson, M. McIntyre, D. Tulley, D. Pasquill, D. Igo. Third row - C. Wolfe, C. Trussell, T. Baughn, T. Groves, K. Haley, K. Nixon, R. Formby, C. Stout, P. Barnett, B. Nichols. Fourth row - D. Picklesimer, S. Rhodes, P. Wesley, V. Johnston, V. Day, N. Allen, C. Johnson, S. Mullins. Fifth row - A. White, J. Ross, W. Blount, D. Smith, C. Fuller, L. Spears, L. Wolfe, F. McKnight. Sixth row - S. Webb, D. Blackburn, N. Malone, J. Sugg, T. Malone, F. Emeyabbi, J. Carter.

Officers are Yvonne Stout, David Haley, Wyn Dunn, and Mrs. Parsons, Sponsor.

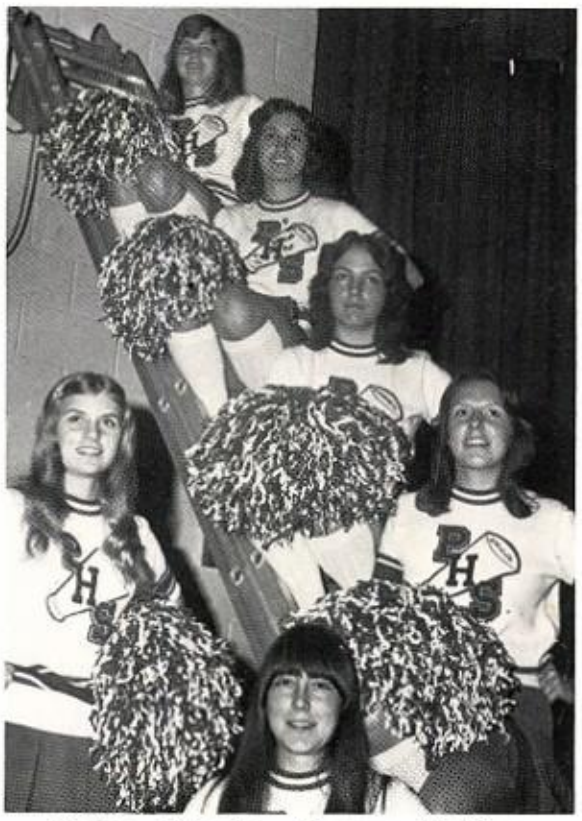


ACTIVITIES

VARSITY

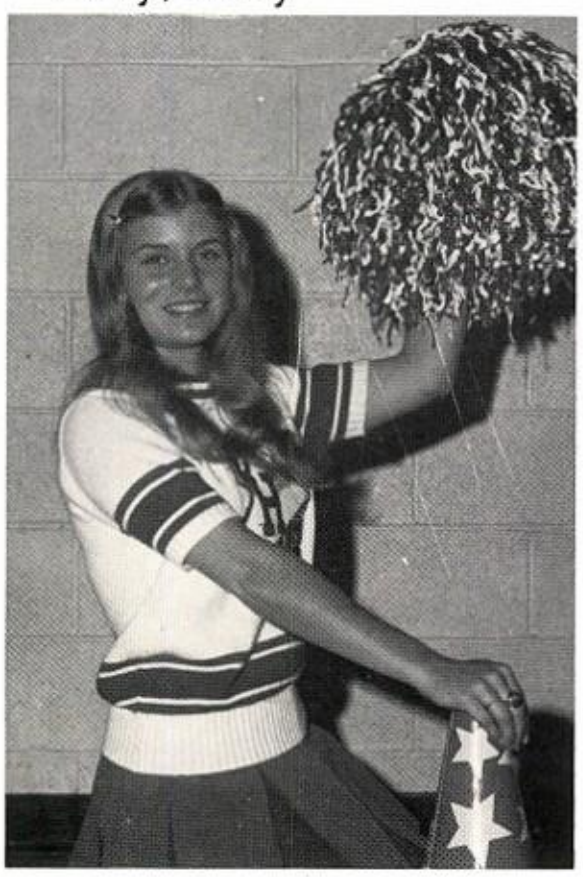
Terry Bailey

Beverly (Bebo) Blackburn



Bebo, Marla, Terry, Kelly, Cindy, Sherry

Cindy Berry



CHEERLEADERS

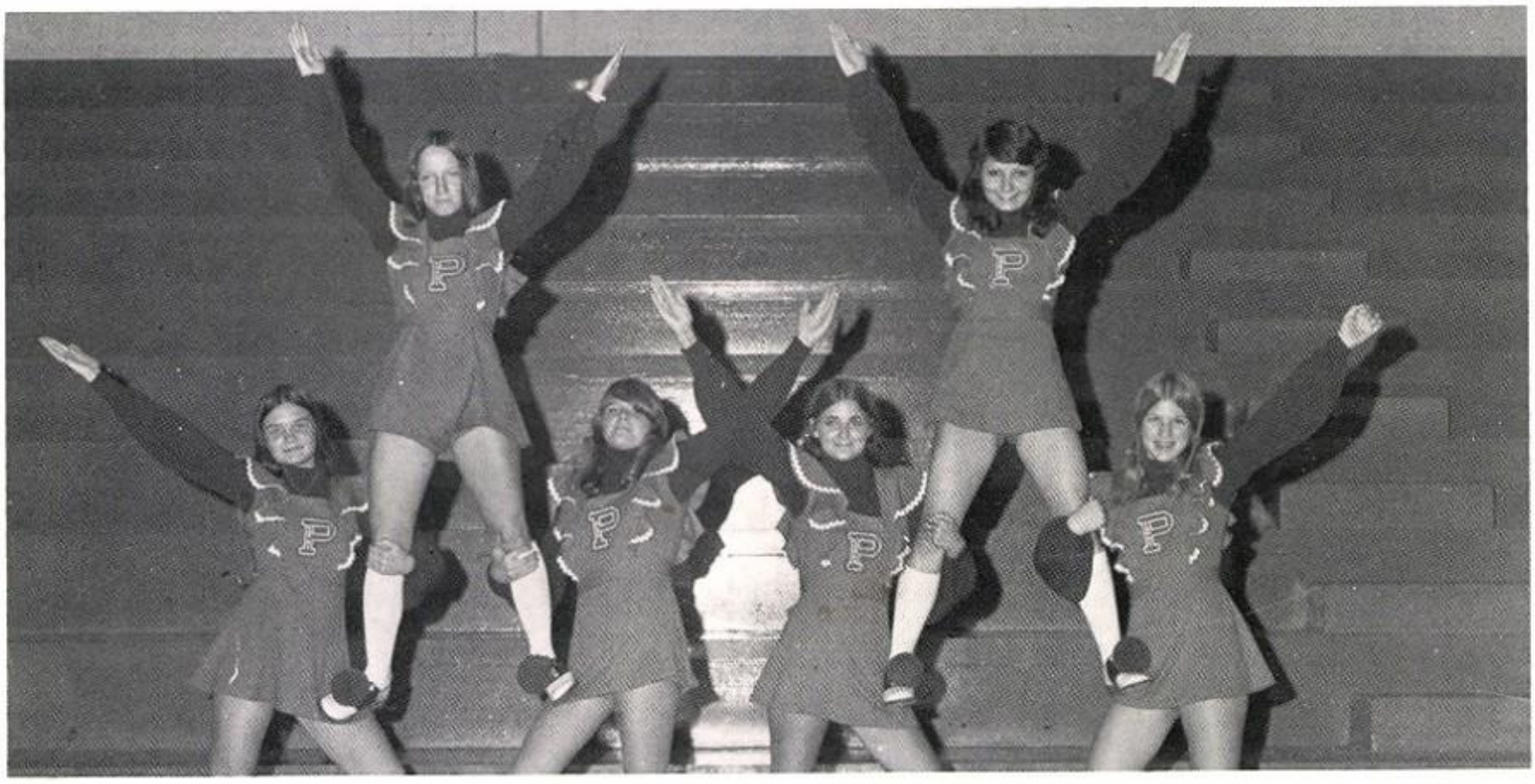
Maria Cothom

Kelly Bailey

Sherry Logsden
Head Cheerleader

BAILEY COFFEE SHOP
Deport, Texas

JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS



Junior Varsity Cheerleaders are (1. to r.) Kathy Jackson, Nancy Merrill, Pam Burns, Carla Wolfe, Karen Haley, Tammy Groves.

Mrs. Parsons

Patti Gribble, Mascot

Varsity, Junior Varsity Cheerleaders, and Pep Club boosted the spirit and morale of our athletic teams. They applied their time and talents to successfully carry out pep rallies and a special spirit promotion week.

Mrs. Parsons was the sponsor for these activities by supervising and making the 1975-1976 year a success.

We appreciate their persistent effort to make this year at P.H.S. a more lively one.

'76 HOMECOMING QUEEN NOMINEES

Marla Cotham

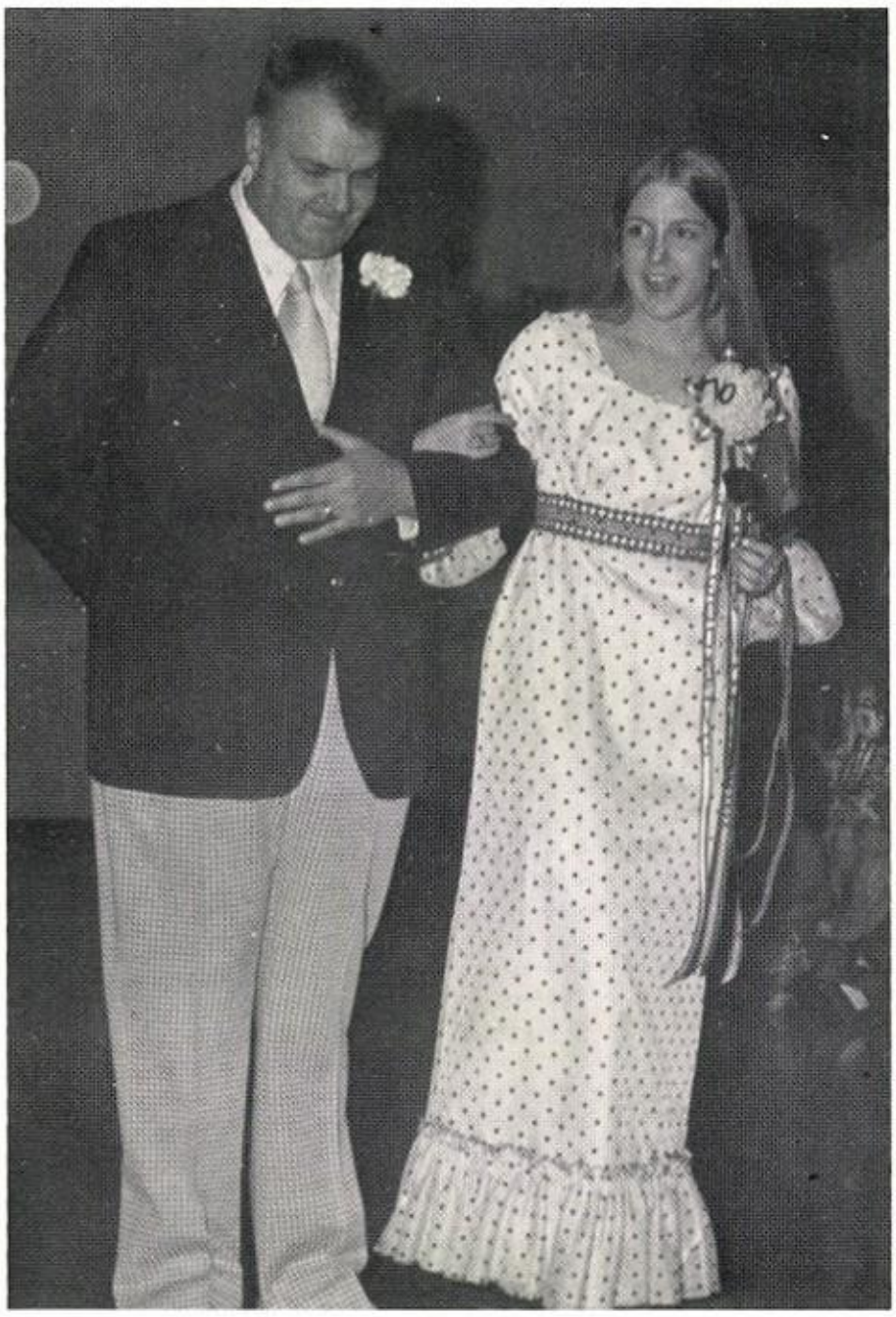
Lisa Dawson

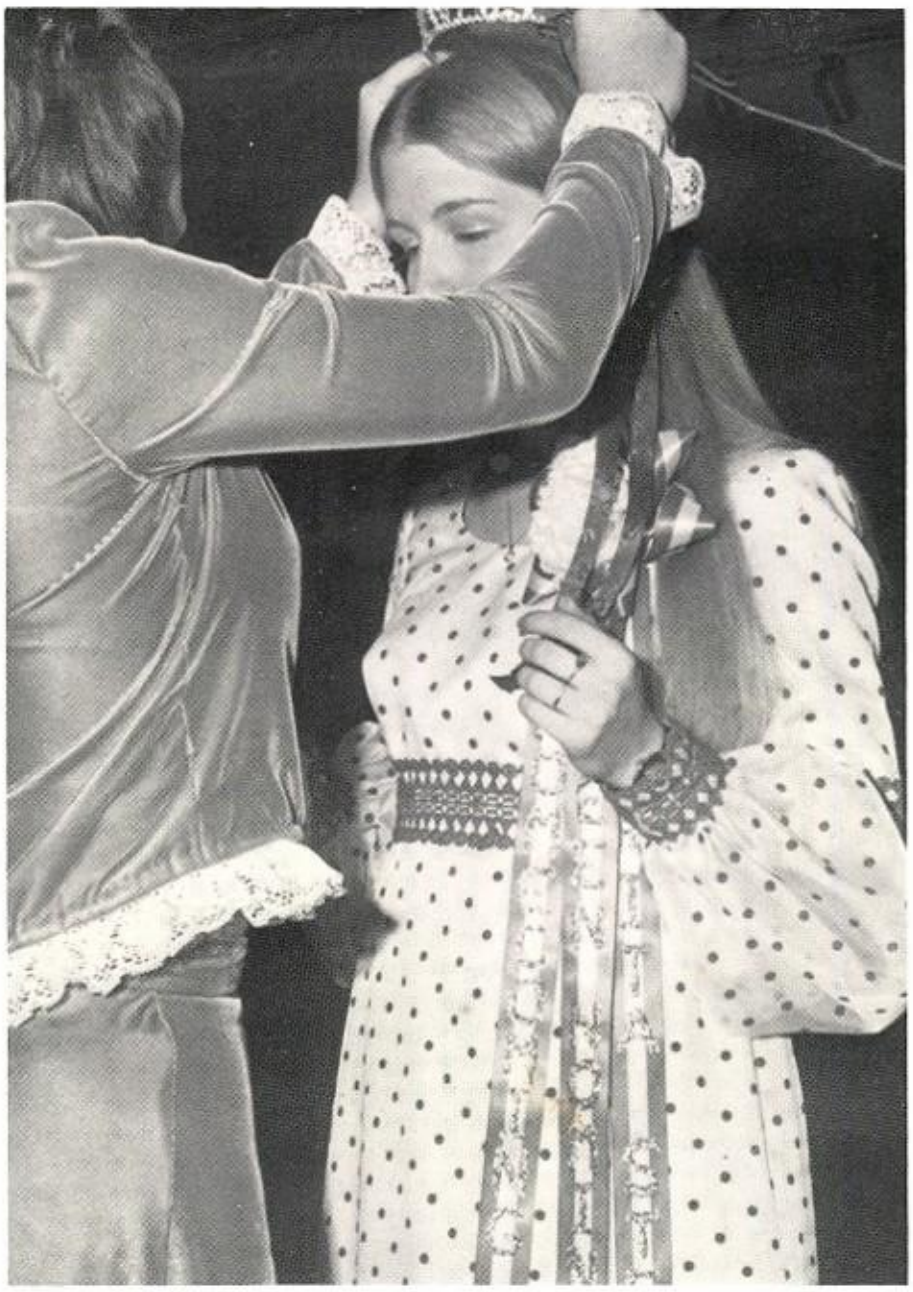
Terry Bailey

Merita Martin

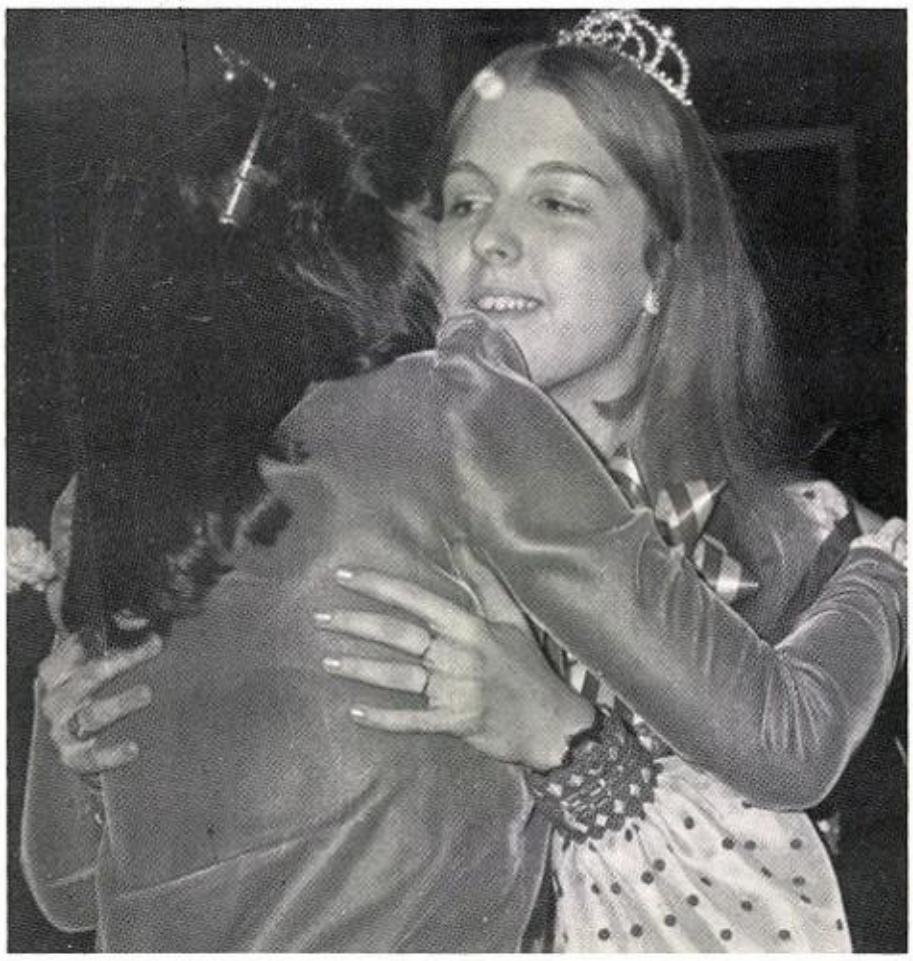
On January 30, Prairiland hosted its fourth annual homecoming game against Rains. "The Year of the Patriots 76" was presented as the theme, with the stage decorated. The events of crowning the queen began at halftime with Tommy Harbison and Robert Russell as speakers.

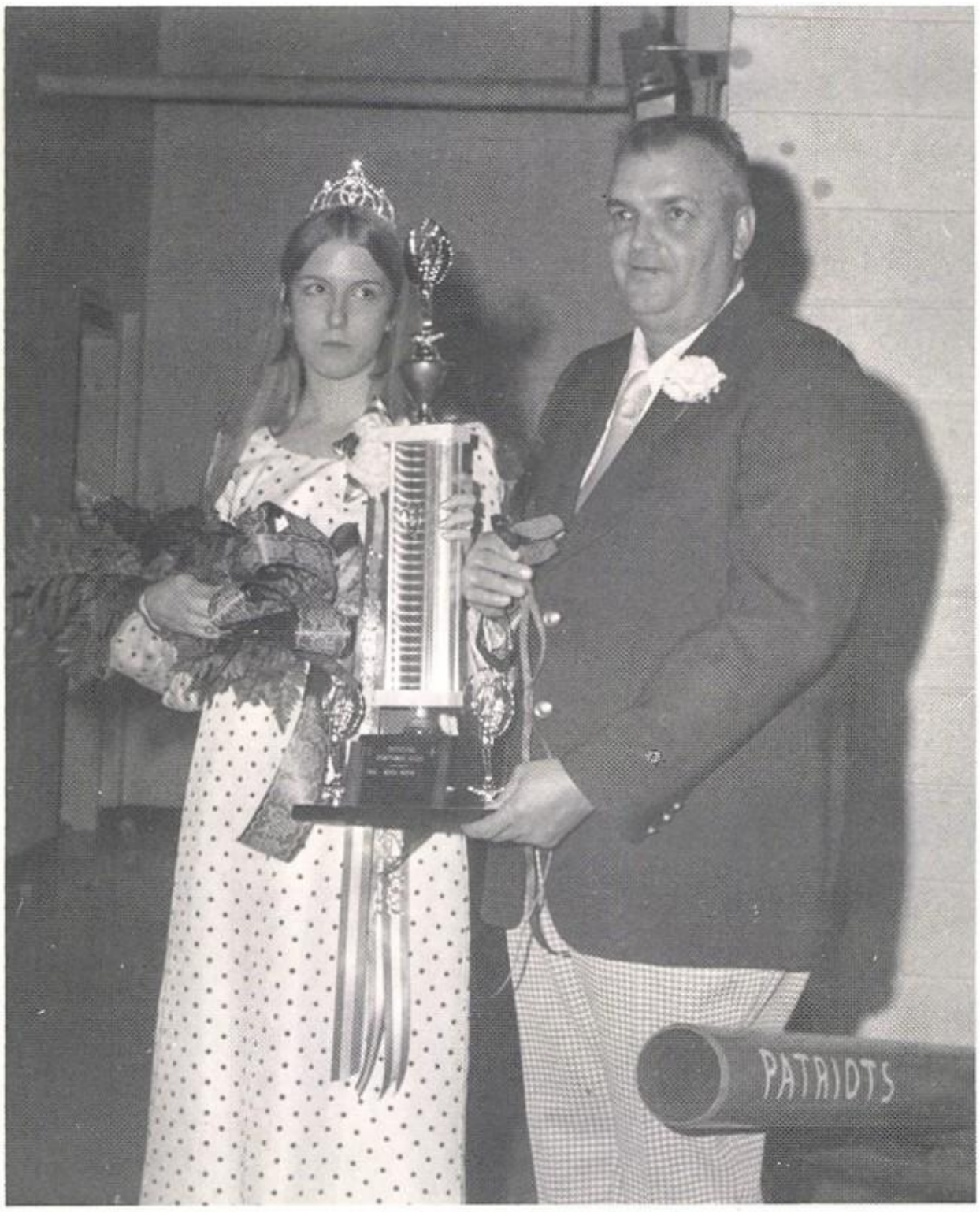
Queens of the past, seated on the stage, were Rita Allen, Karen Cowgar, and Brenda Epps.



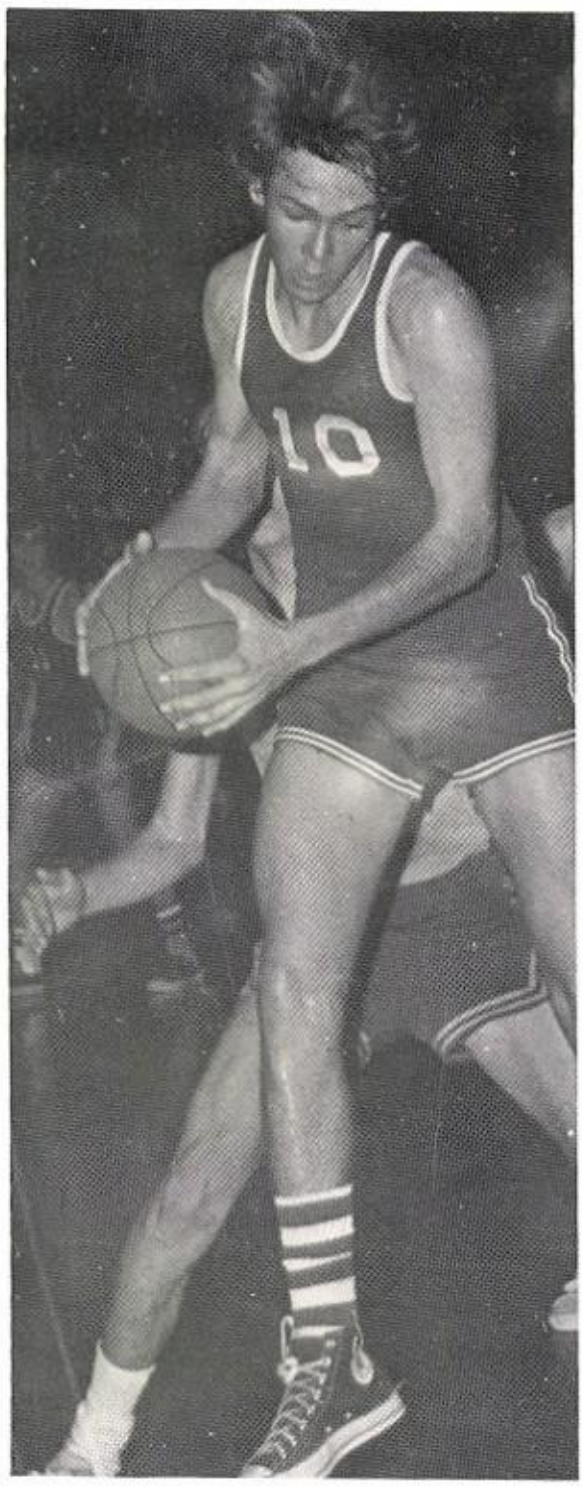


At halftime the nominees were presented and escorted down to the court. Merita Martin was named 1976 Homecoming Queen for Prairiland. Before an audience of capacity crowd, she was crowned by former queen, Karen Cowger.

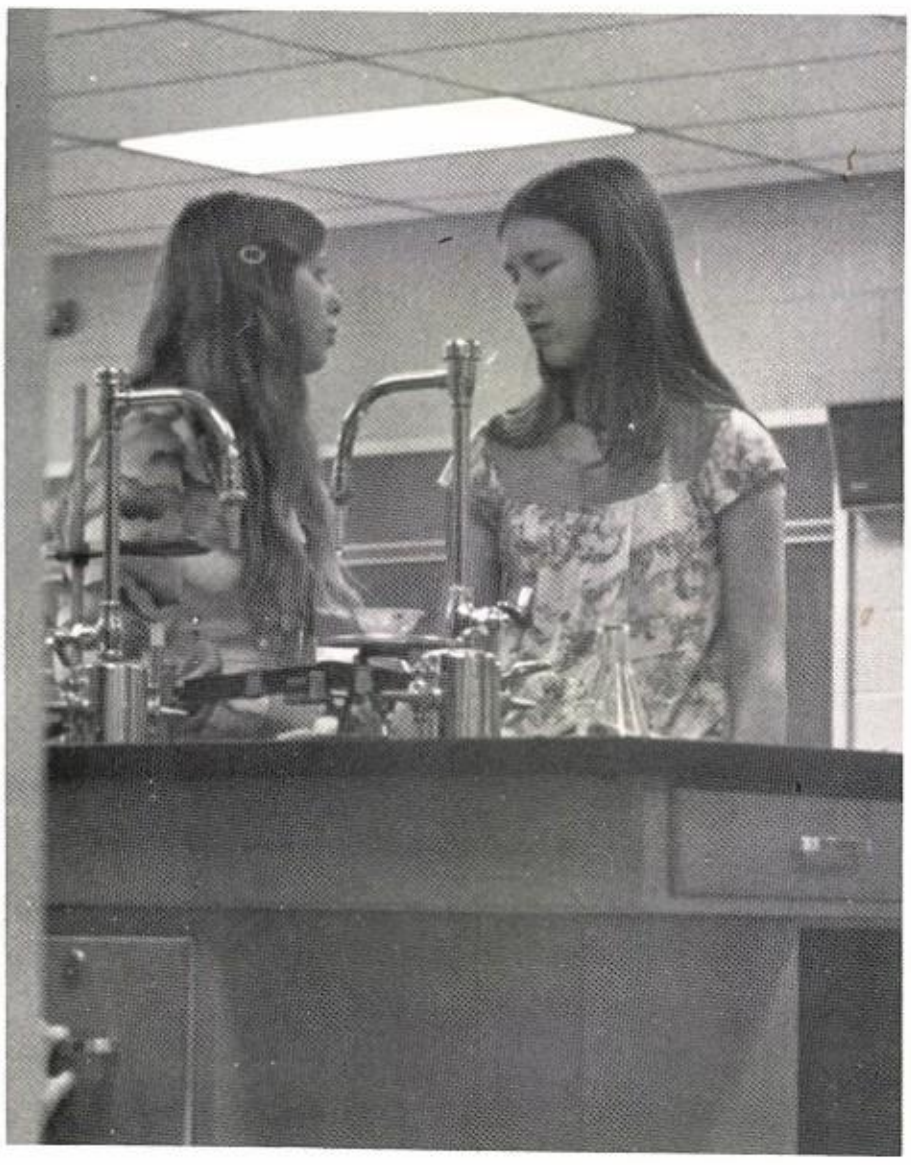


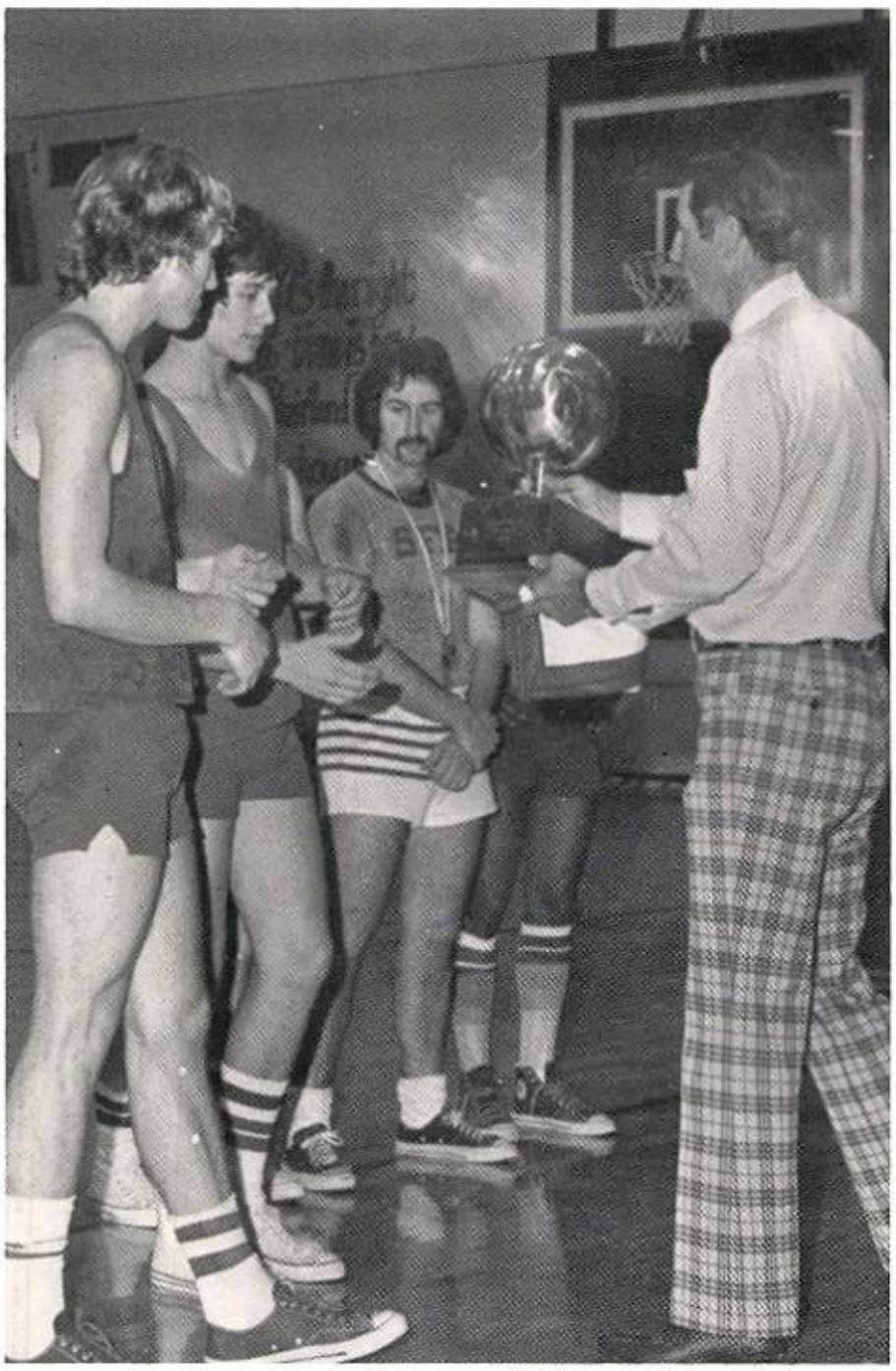


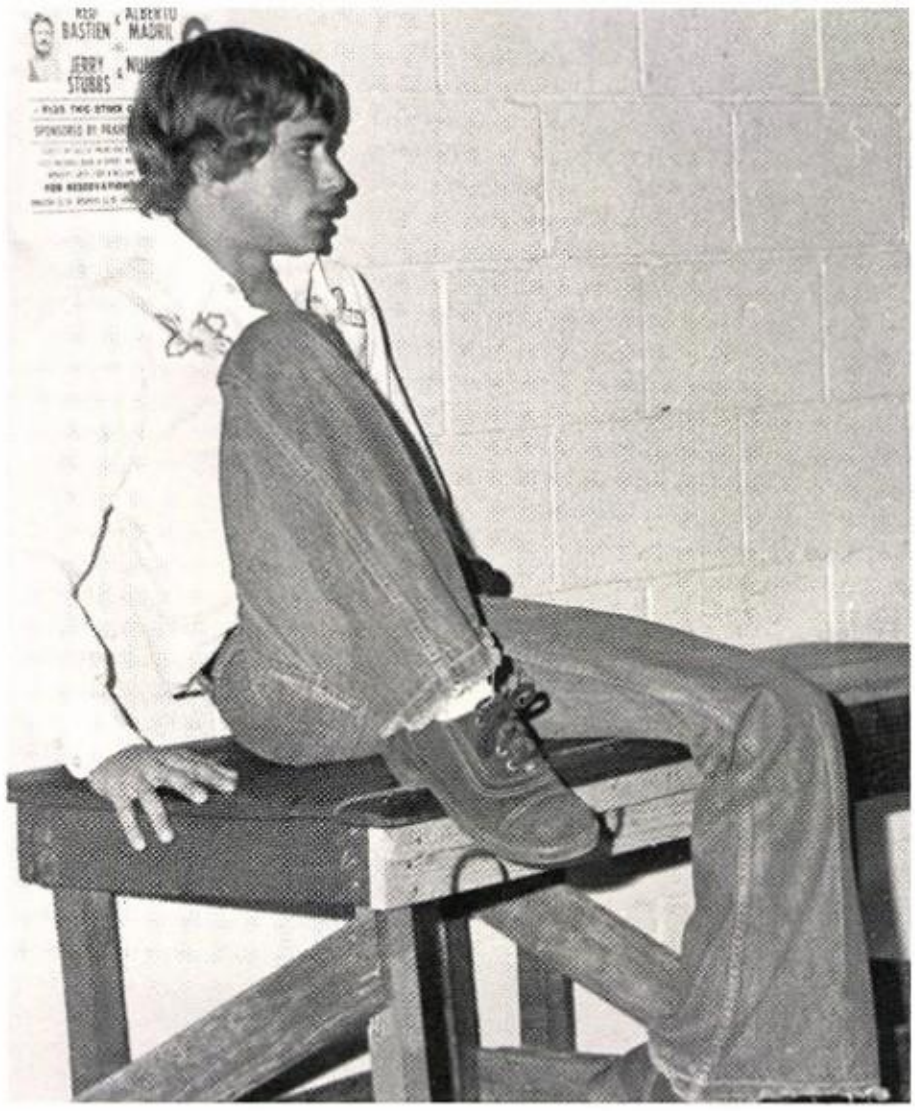
Out of these four beautiful girls, the choice hard and the honor high, Merita Martin was crowned homecoming queen for "The Year of the Patriots," 1976.

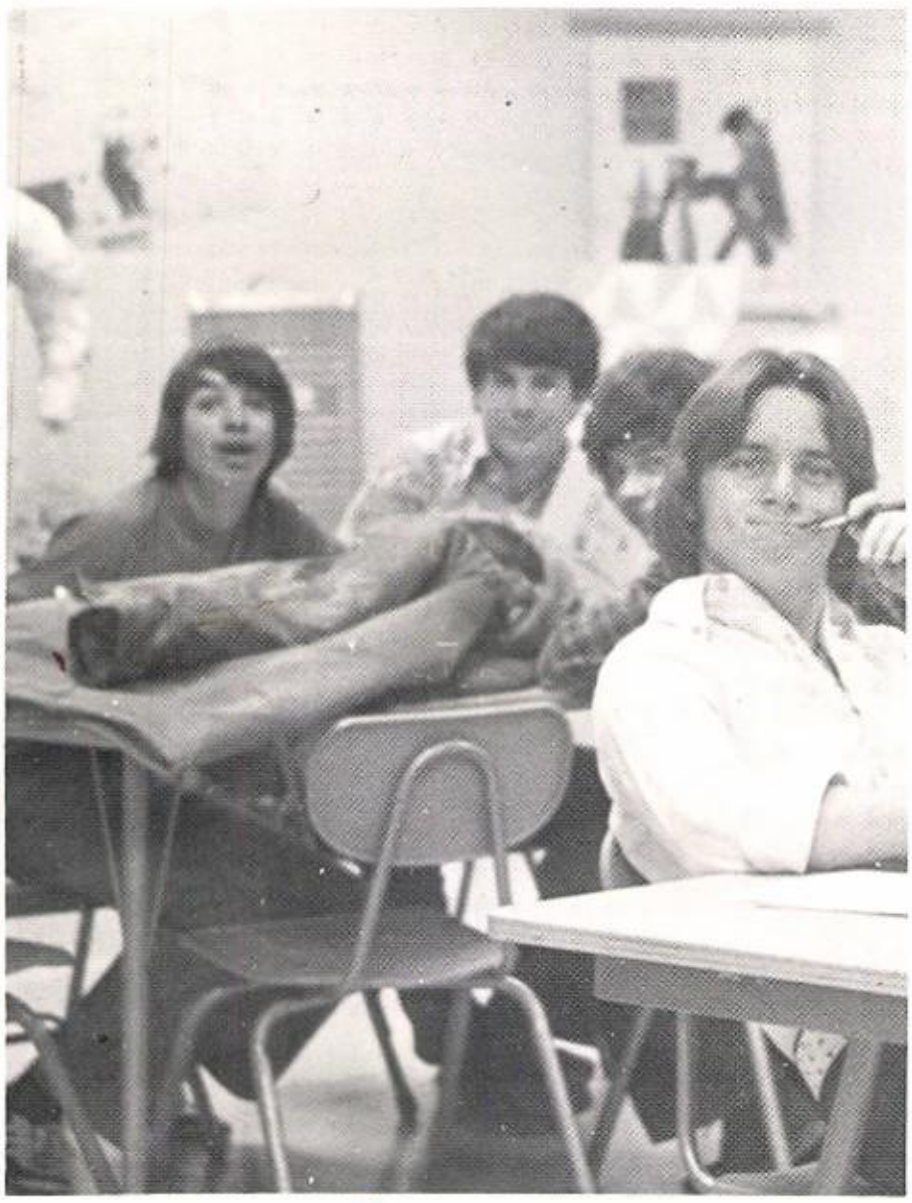


ABOVE: Vance Jenkins is shown receiving the Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow award. He won a $500 dollar scholarship with his 99 percent percentile on his written knowledge and aptitude test.
TOP RIGHT: I've got it! I'VE GOT IT! (L. Merritt)
BOTTOM LEFT: Hidden talent shown by Becky Nichols and Carole Fuller.
BOTTOM RIGHT: Is the subject boys, boys, or Boys! (P. Barnett, T. Baughn)





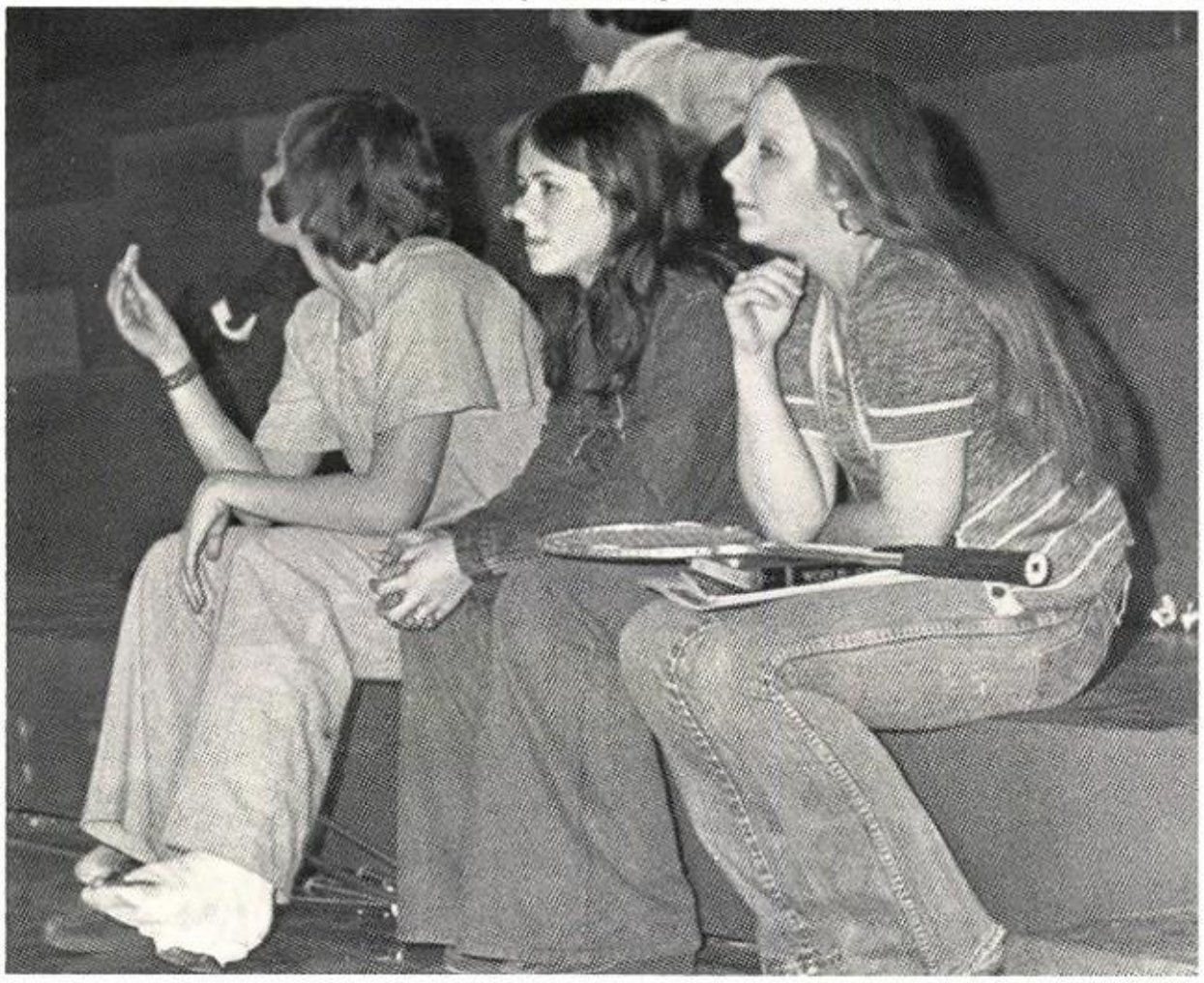


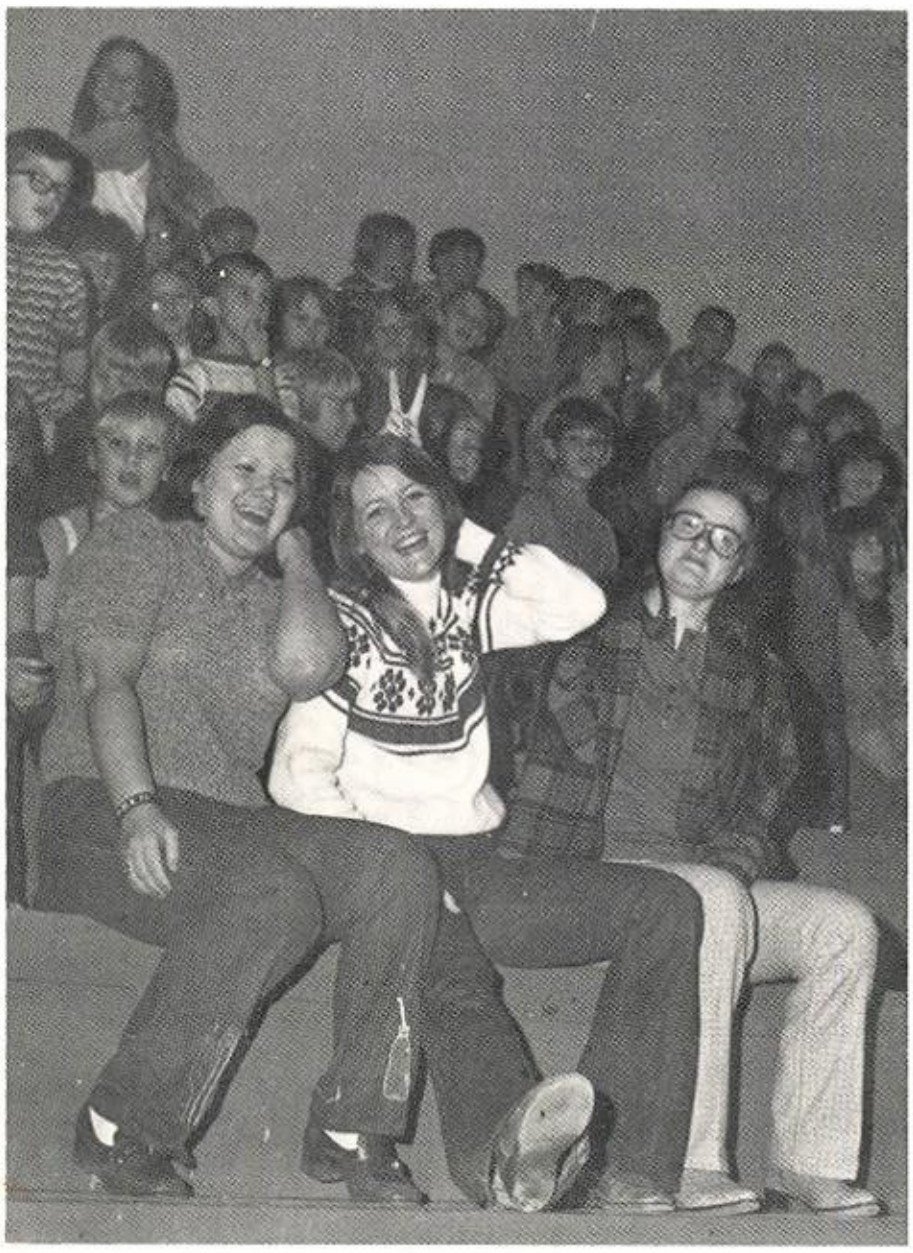


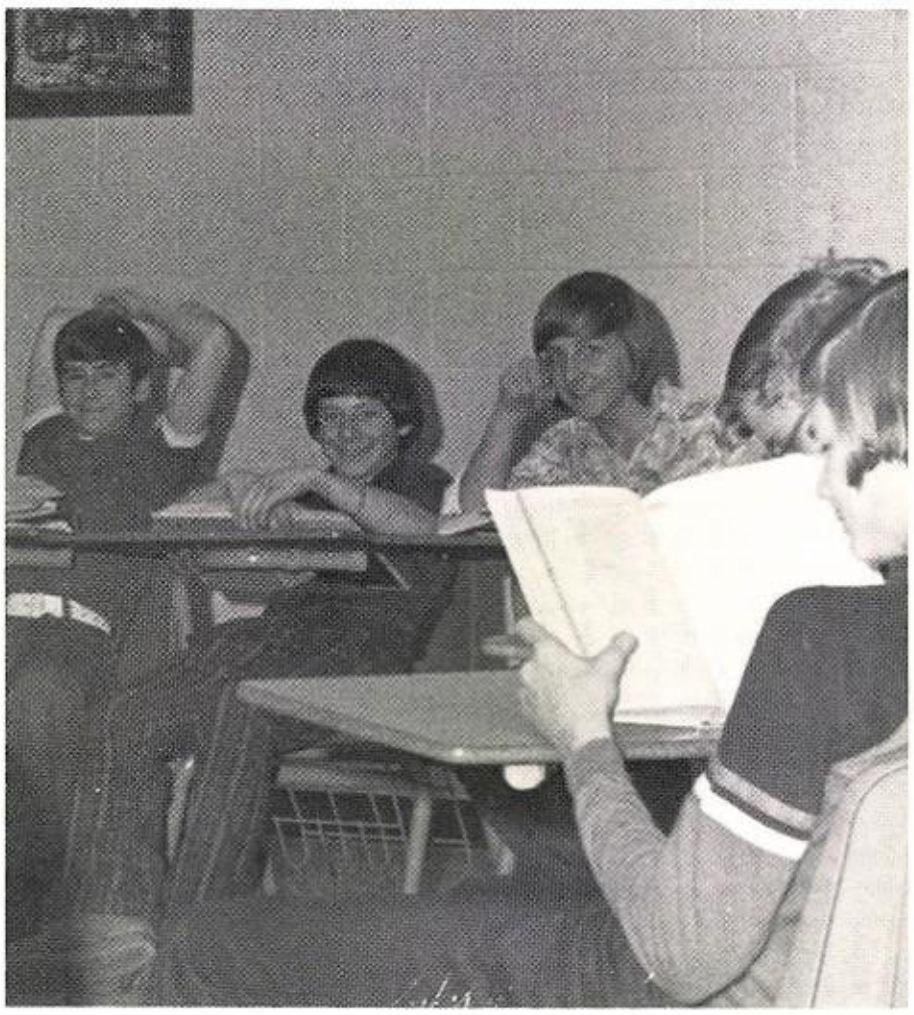
UPPER LEFT: Mr. Taylor presents the Regional Trophy.
UPPER RIGHT: Goober, just what are you thinking about?
LEFT: In art class, learning is fun! (J. Shelton, G. Parsons, D. Davis, M. Kincaid)
ABOVE: Are ya'll studying hard? (D. Weissinger, M. Hollowell)

PATRIOTS SHOW

TOP LEFT: It must be a VERY boring ballgame. (K. Klinkerman, P. Sessums, D. Smith)
TOP RIGHT: Is the glass chocolate, strawberry, or vanilla? (N. Skidmore)
LOWER LEFT: Students from Deport had to come to Prairiland for a day when an evacuation was called for all students and residents of Deport. Obviously, there were a few who couldn't resist the memories of the good ole' days!
LOWER RIGHT: A bunch of funky monkeys! (M. Swint, M. Smith, S. Wright, J. Gibson, K. Klinkerman)

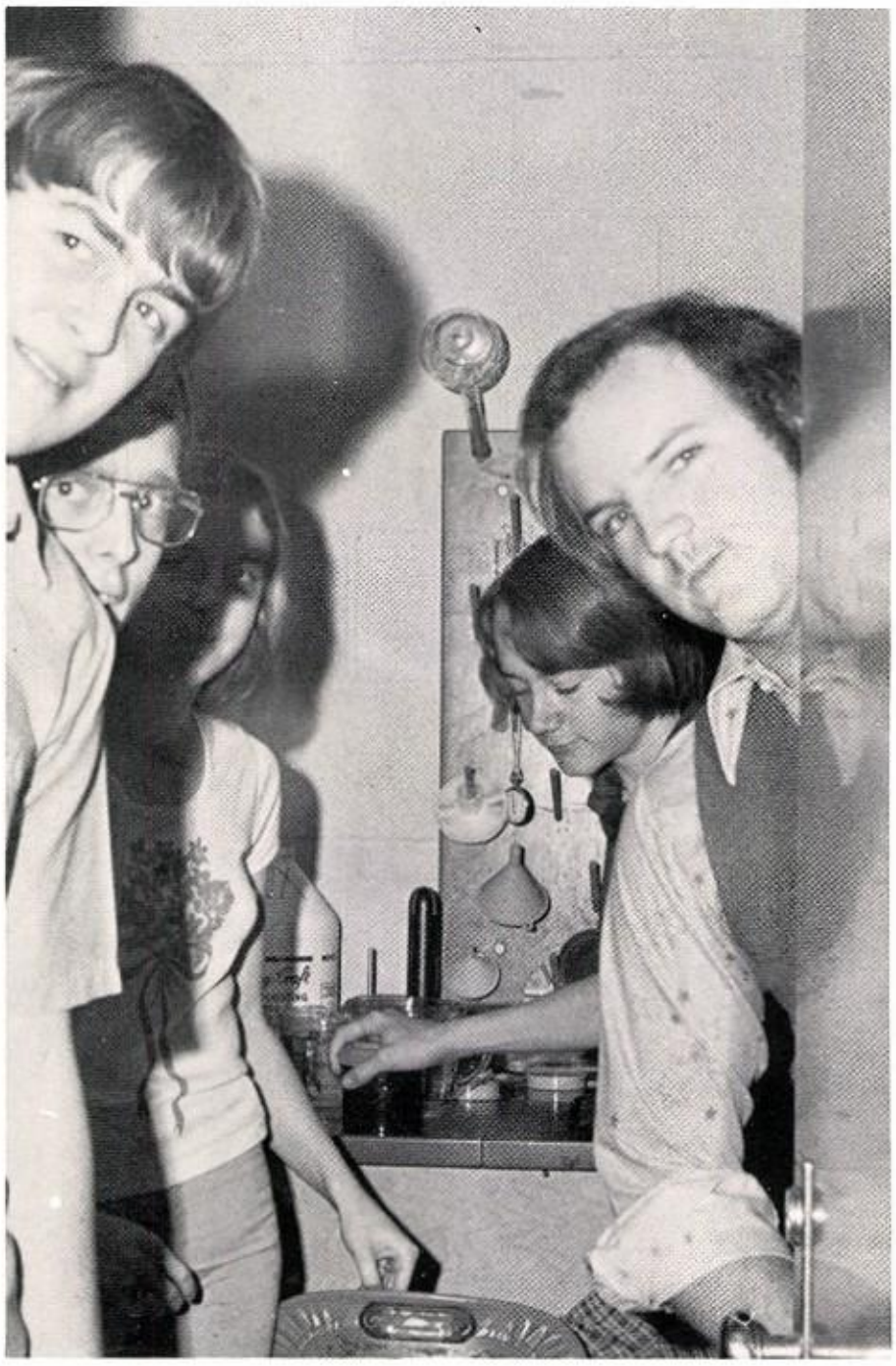


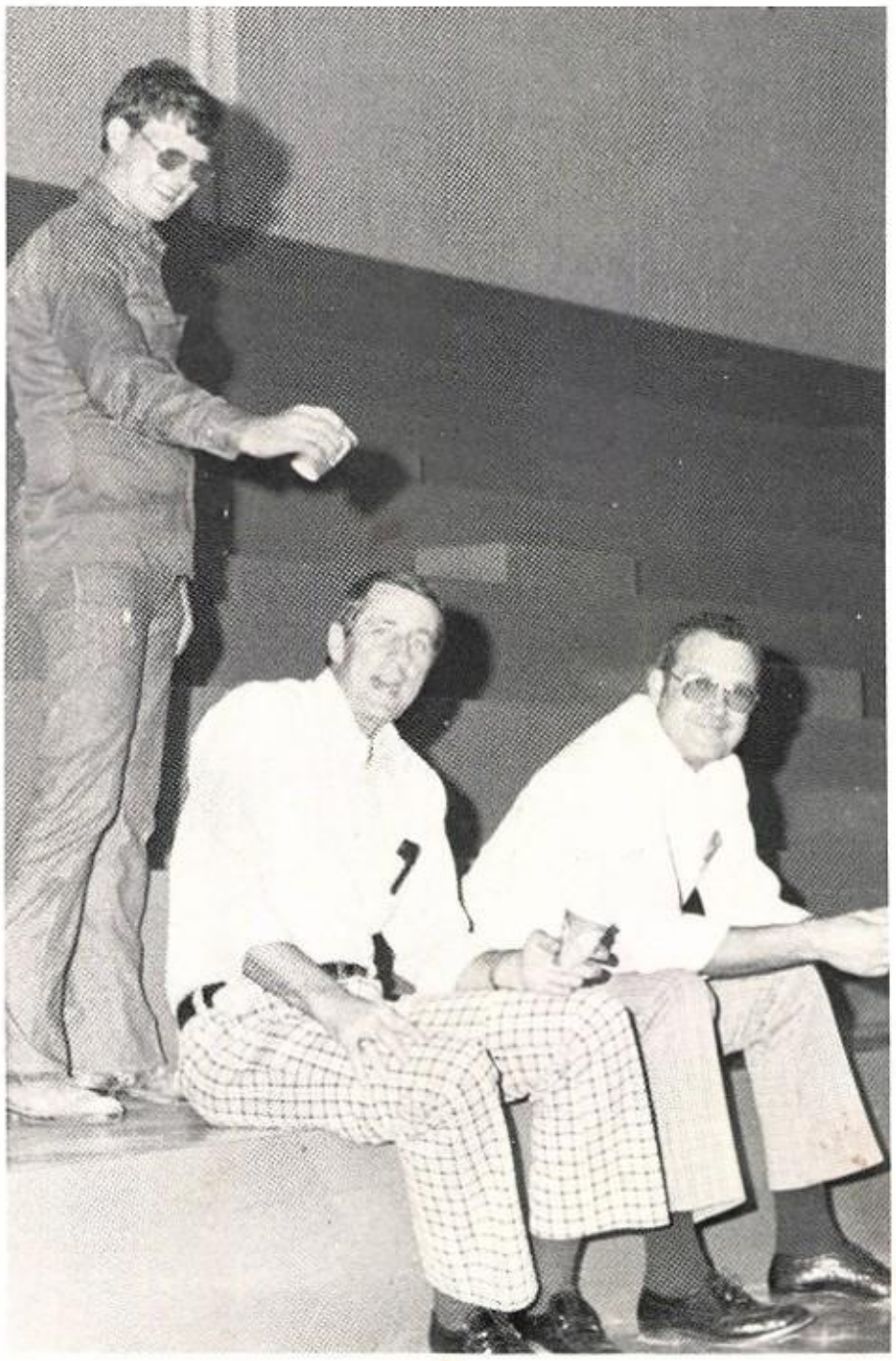




ACTIVITY,

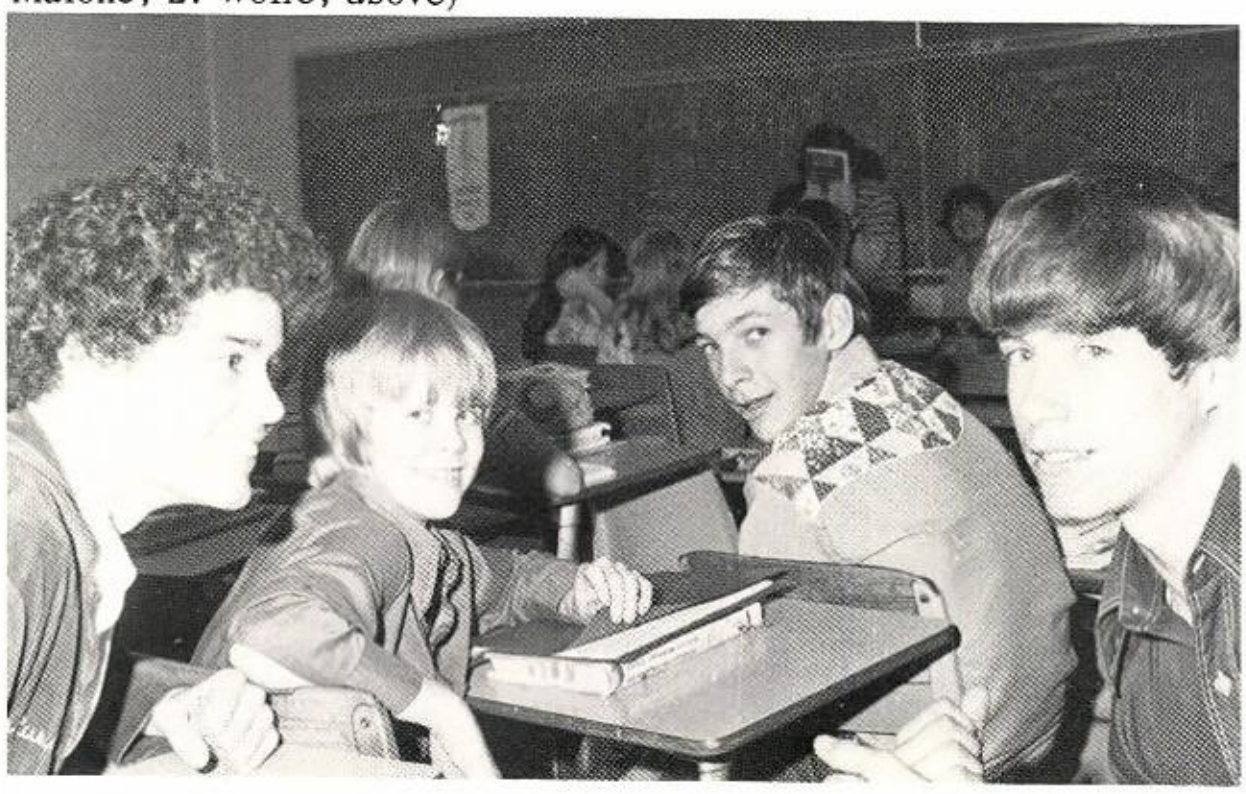
ABOVE LEFT: Do freshmen always study this hard? (K. Klempin, K. Gillie)
ABOVE RIGHT: The Patriots were #1 in '76 as displayed by this sign at a Patriot Pep Rally.
BOTTOM LEFT: Mr. White, we're really helping him work this time! (B. Hudson, L. May, M. Martin, B. Barnard, T. Harbison)
BOTTOM RIGHT: His true feelings coming through! (B. Allen, L. Taylor, G. Stephens)



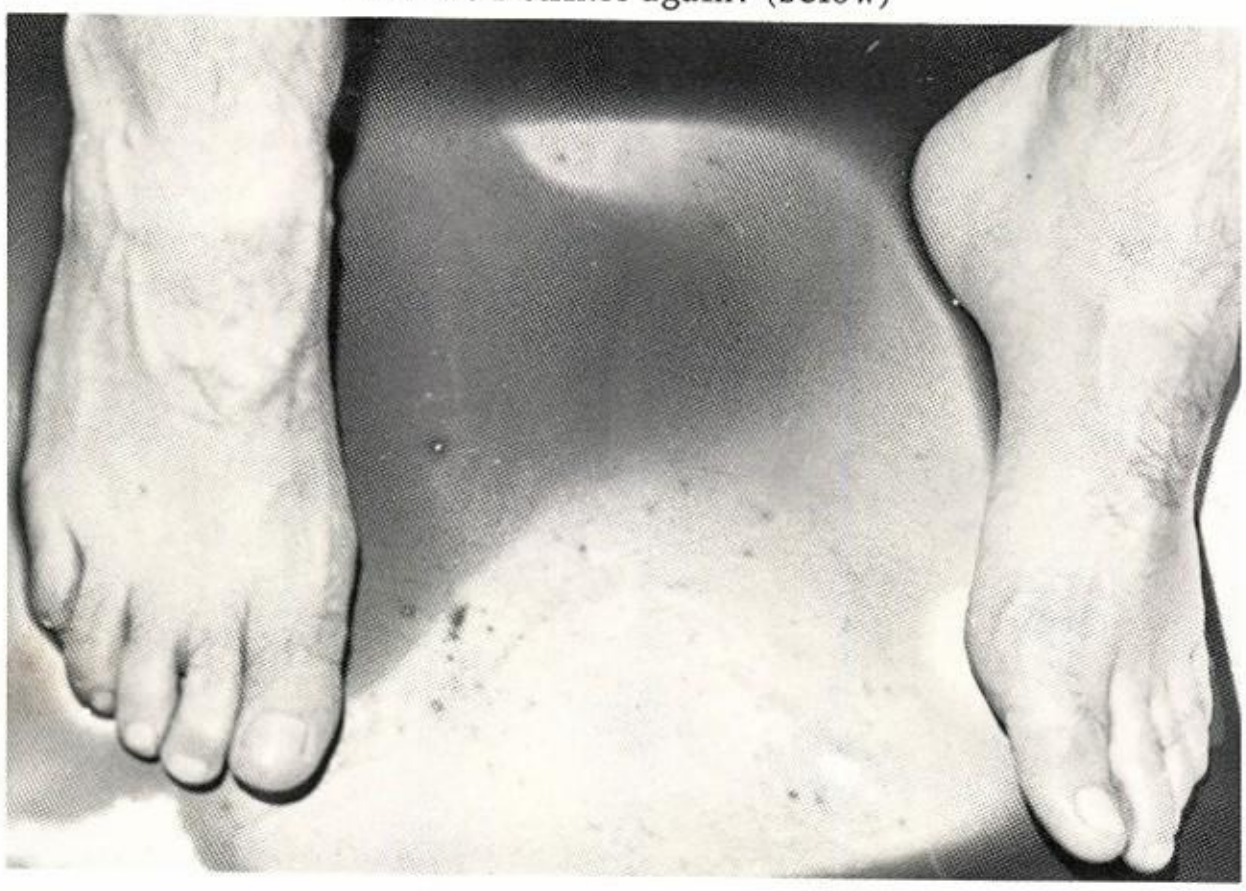


COLOR,

The moral of this picture is to never try to run from a photographer. (N. Malone, L. Wolfe, above)



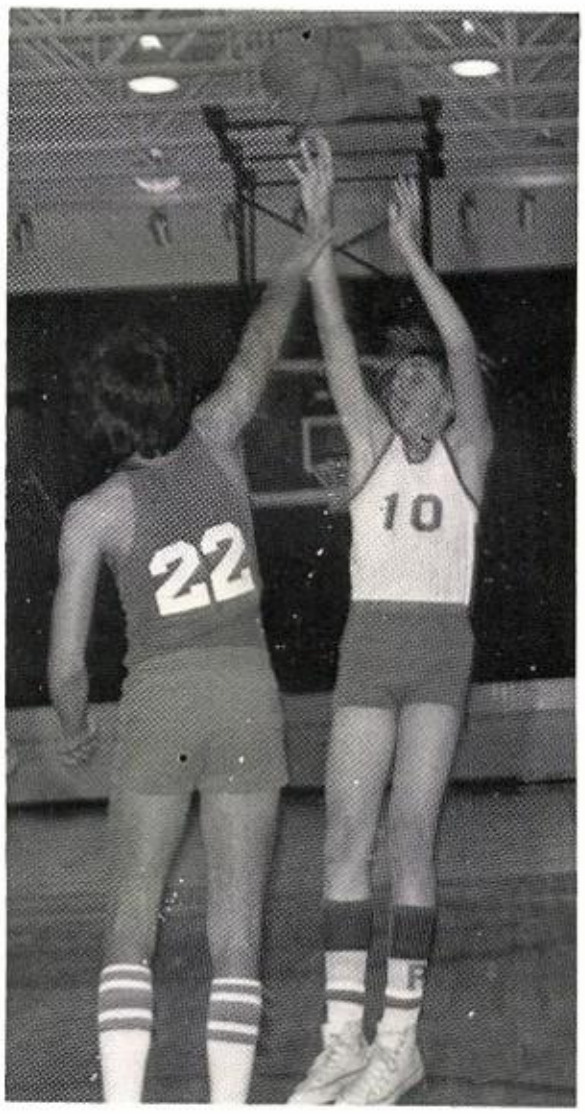
BIGFOOT strikes again! (below)



A familiar face. (S. Logsdon, above)

One of the more interesting classes at Prairiland. (L to r) T. Russell, D. Downs, T. Stephens, K. Gillie, (at left)

Well, its two again for the PATRIOTS. (S. Wright, below)



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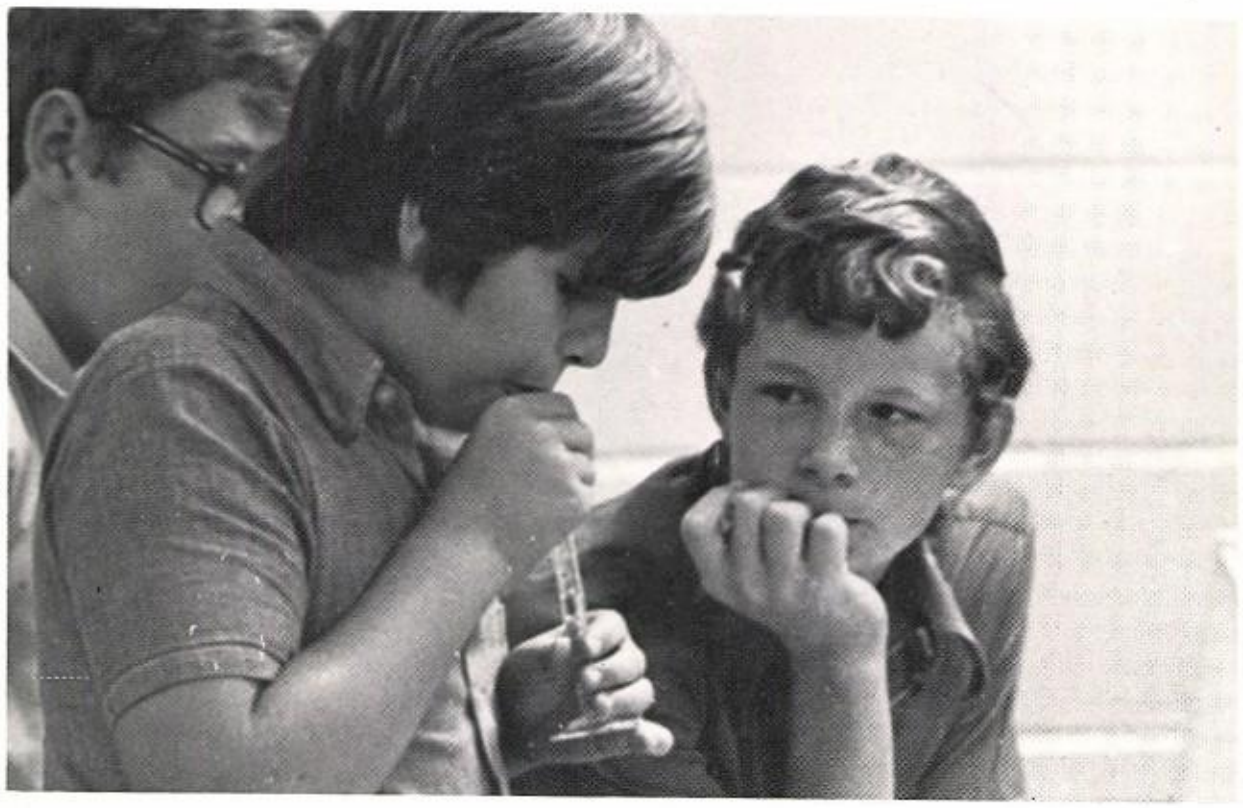

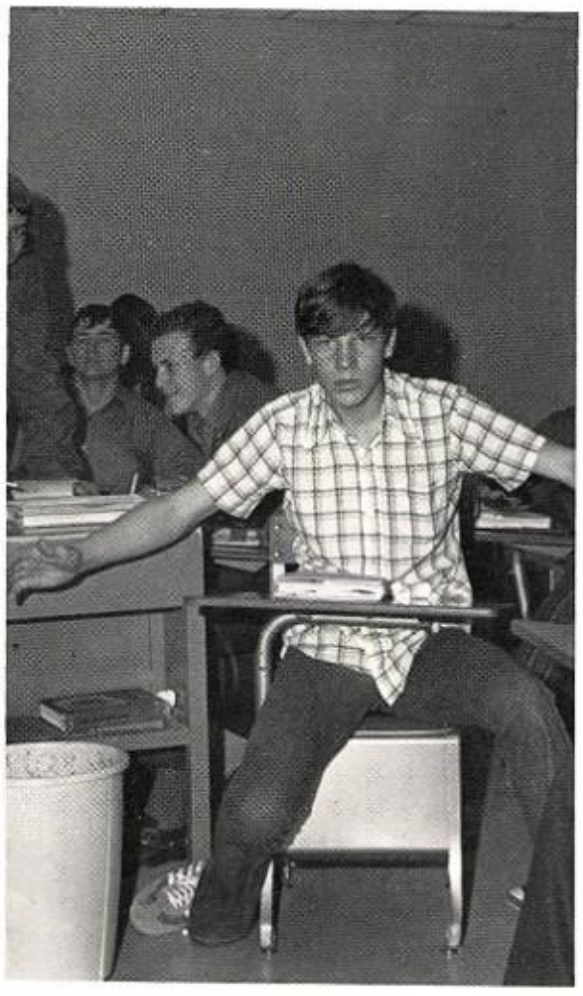

ABOVE LEFT: Blow hard! (M. Stout, M. Booth)
ABOVE: Is this some kind of joke?! (G. Terry, B. Skidmore, J. Anderson)
LEFT: Just look at those faces! (L. Dawson, S. Gibson, D. White, S. Barnard, L. Woodall, M. Martin, B. Johnston, A. White, B. Blackburn, S. Webb)
BOTTOM LEFT: Talk about togetherness! (R. Russell, B. Burks, T. Harbison, B. Hudson, H. Johnson)
BELOW: Are you sleepy, Kim?

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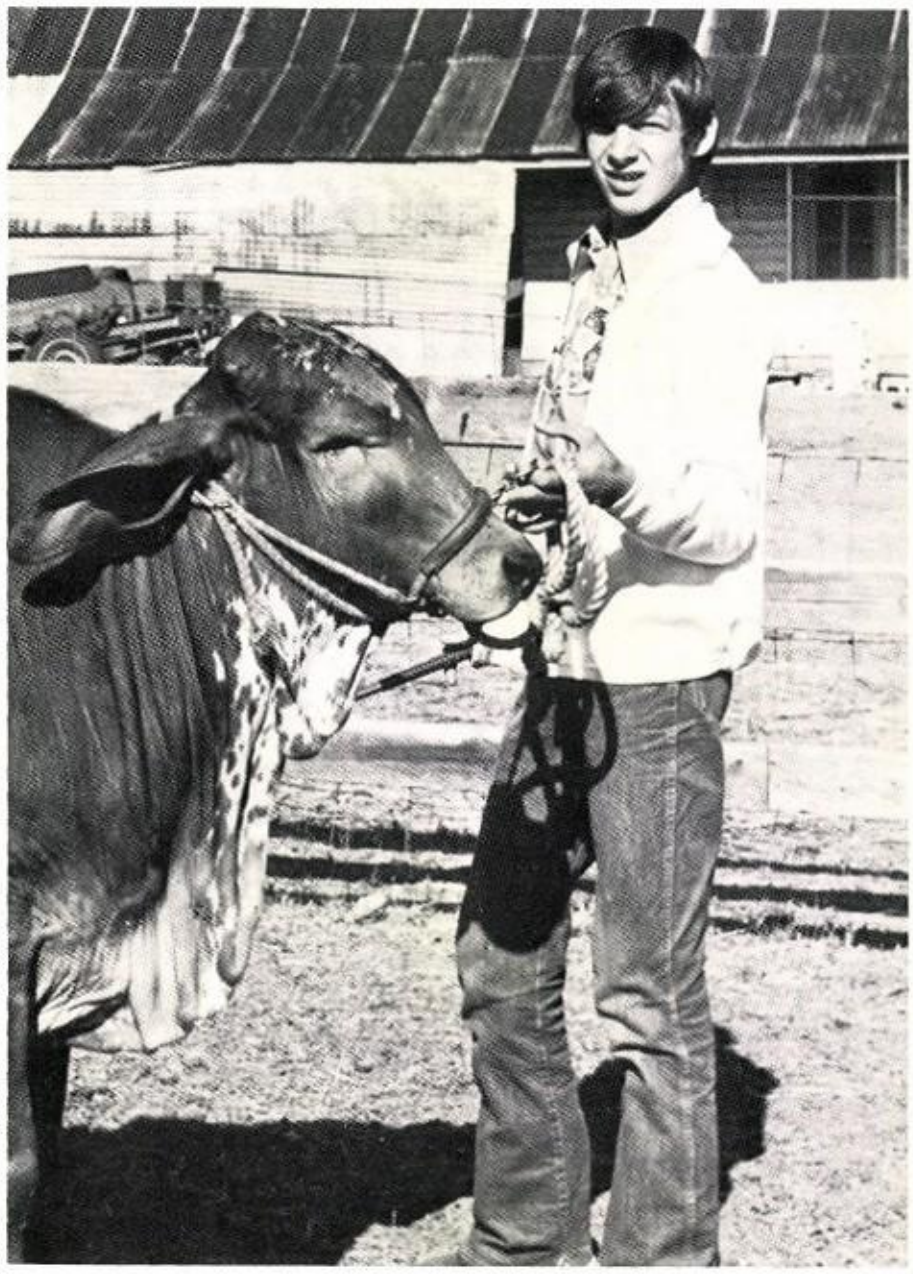
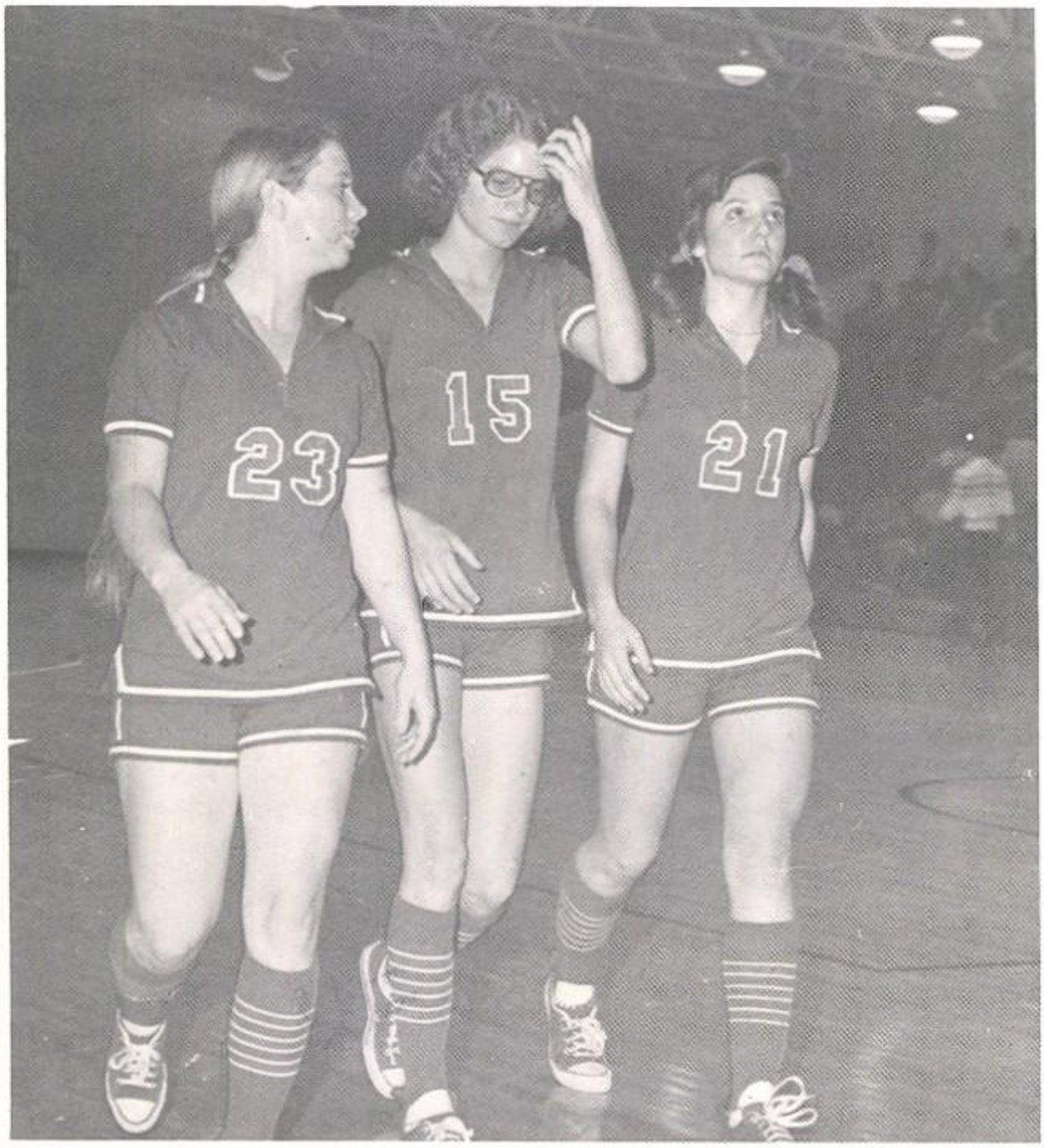
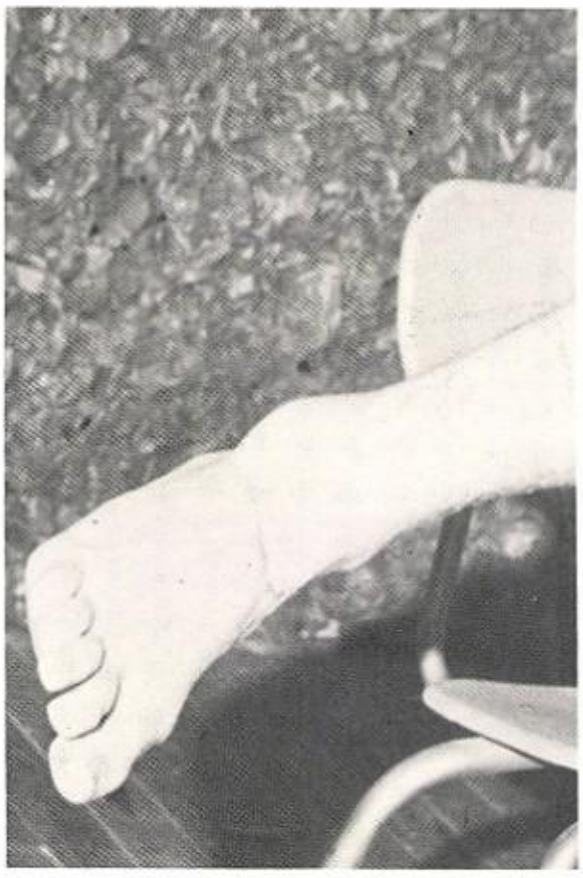


ABOVE: What a wonderful time we have at Math and Science Club meetings! (T. Harbison, D. White, A. White)
RIGHT: Several of our Ag boys have projects. Here Trent Stephens is shown with his.
BOTTOM LEFT: I'll teach you how to dry negatives!! (M. Cotham)
BOTTOM RIGHT: Mona Fults concentrates on her triple-beam balance.

EXCITEMENT



LEFT: Man, this is some game! (L. Woodall, D. White, L. Dawson)
TOP RIGHT: Feet again! (T. Ray)
BOTTOM LEFT: Are ya'll goofing off again? (R. Norwood, T. Womack, M. Johnston)
BOTTOM RIGHT: Surprise!! (C. Wolf, S. Coleman, L. Wolf)



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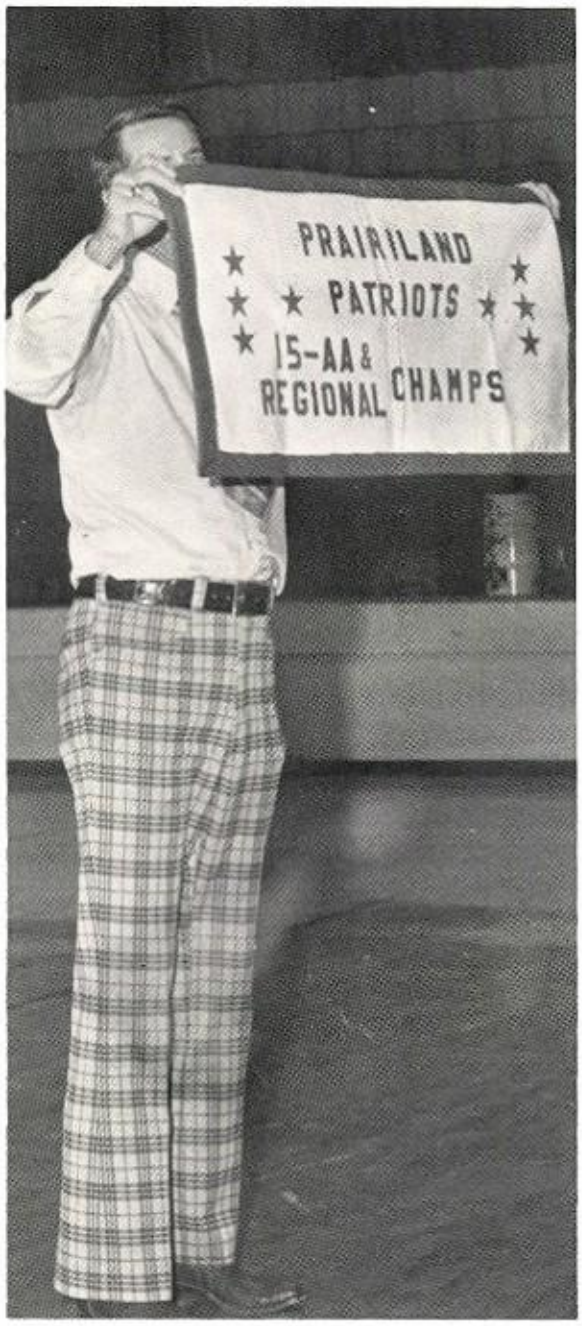
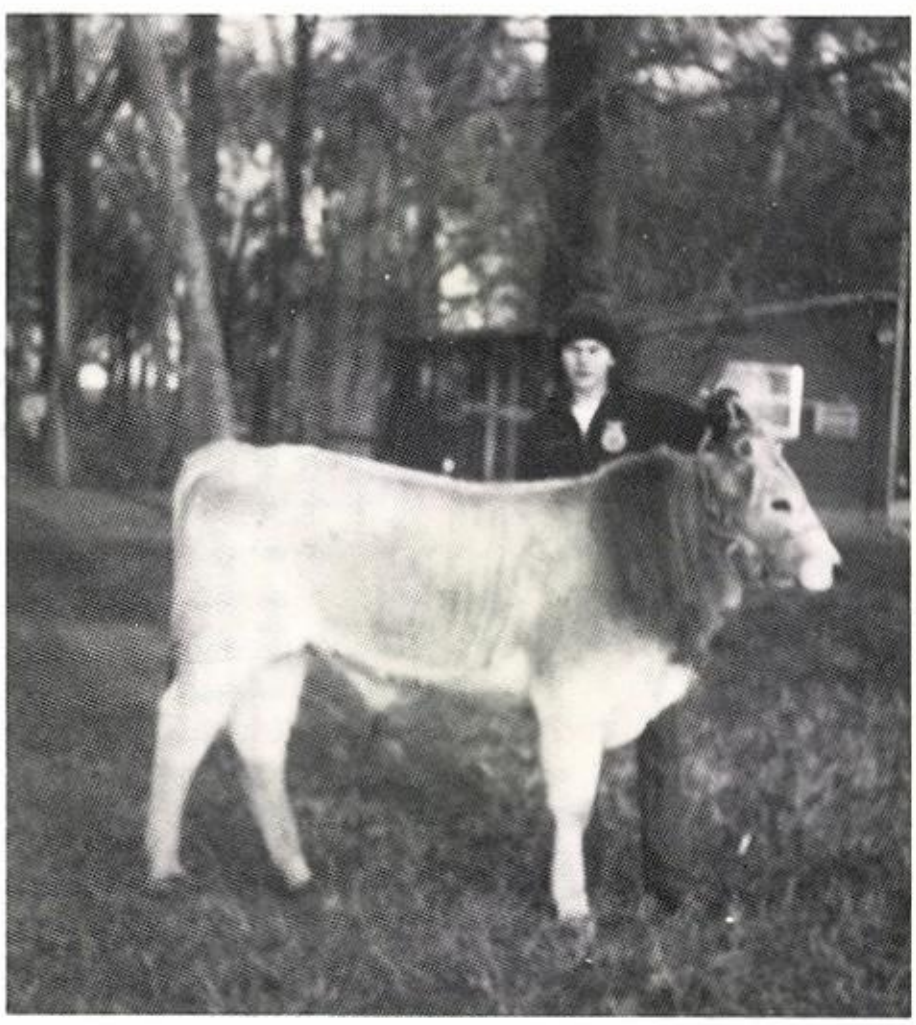
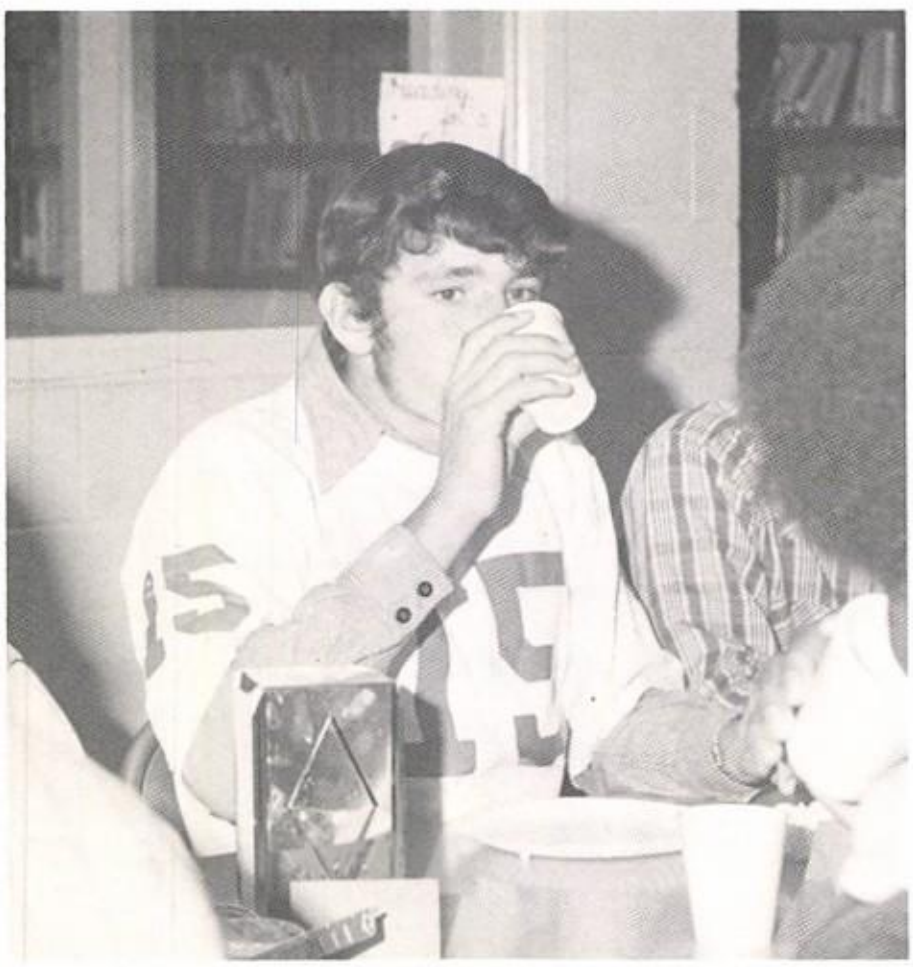




AND HAPPINESS FOR

FAR LEFT: Mr. Taylor presents Regional towel to school.
TOP MIDDLE: Pg. 48: Mrs. Stephens English class has divided interest.
CENTER: Pg. 48: Some classes sure do last a LONG time! (C. Sessums, A. Barker, K. Haley)
BOTTOM LEFT: Almost ready! (B. Hudson, Mrs. Martin, B. Burks)
BOTTOM RIGHT: Russell Bove and bull named Tony.
TOP RIGHT: Work, work, work! (J. Morris, P. Lutrell, P. Flynn, C. Berry)
MIDDLE RIGHT: A new staff! (K. Gillie, L. Moore)
BOTTOM RIGHT: Guzzle that coffee!



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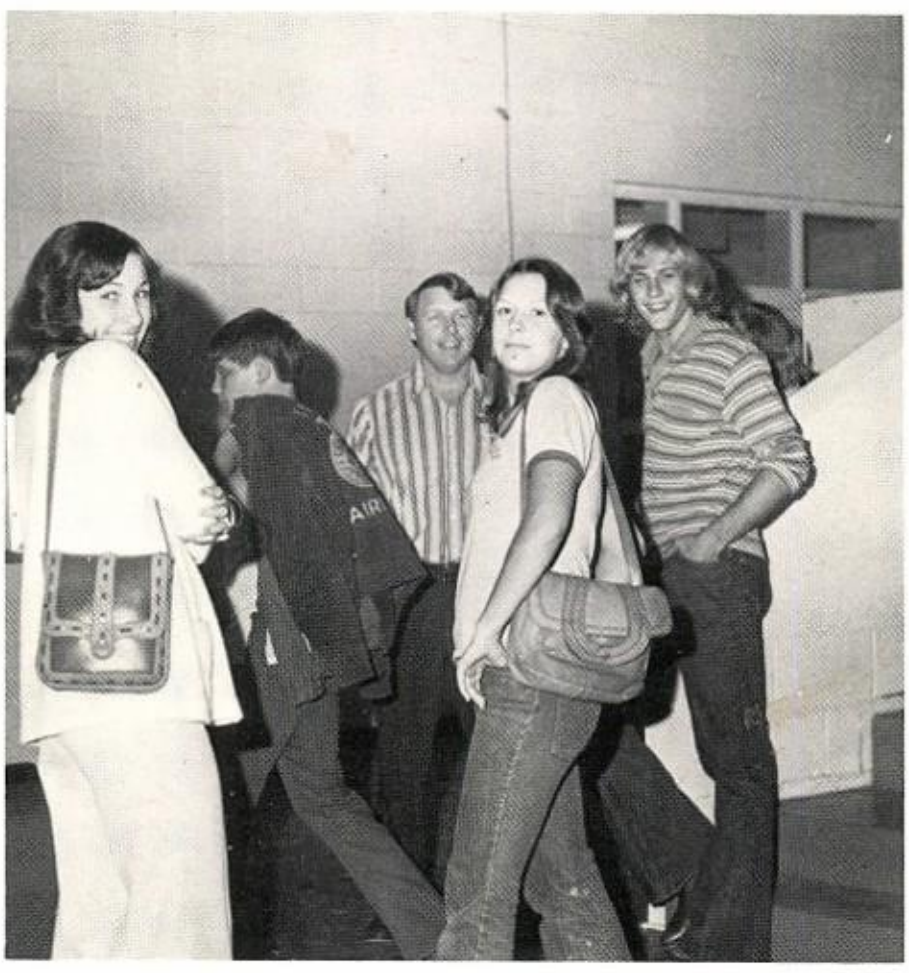

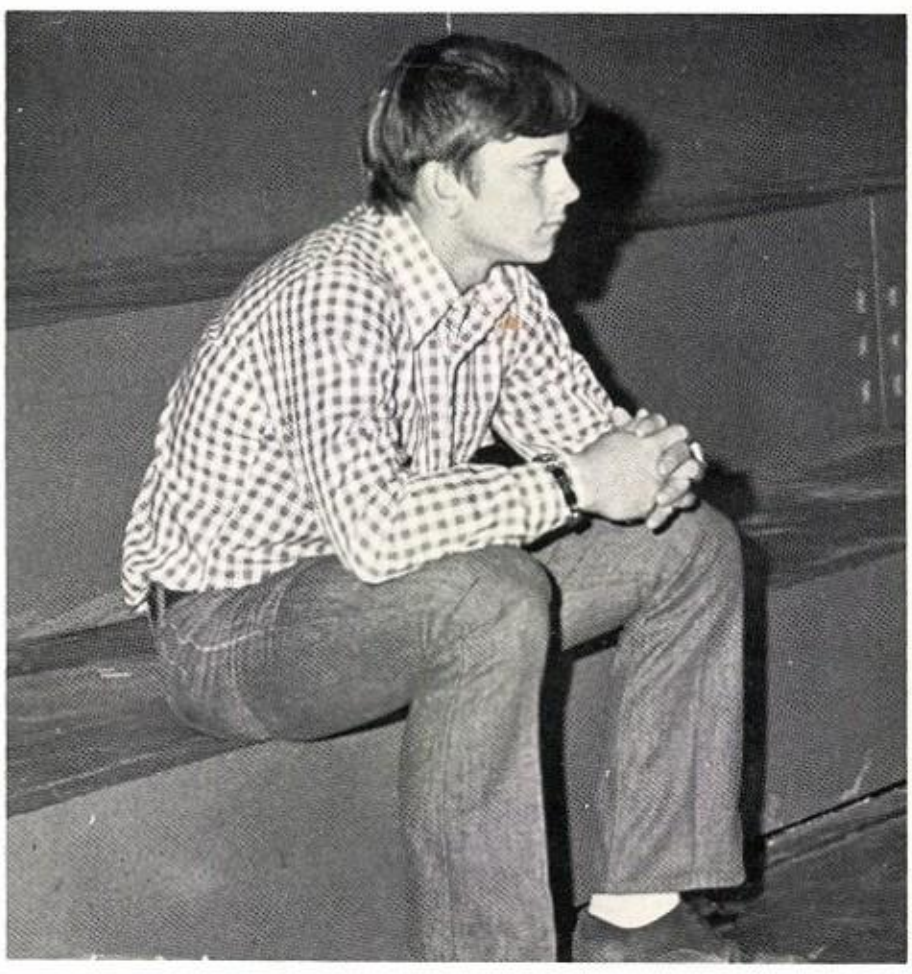

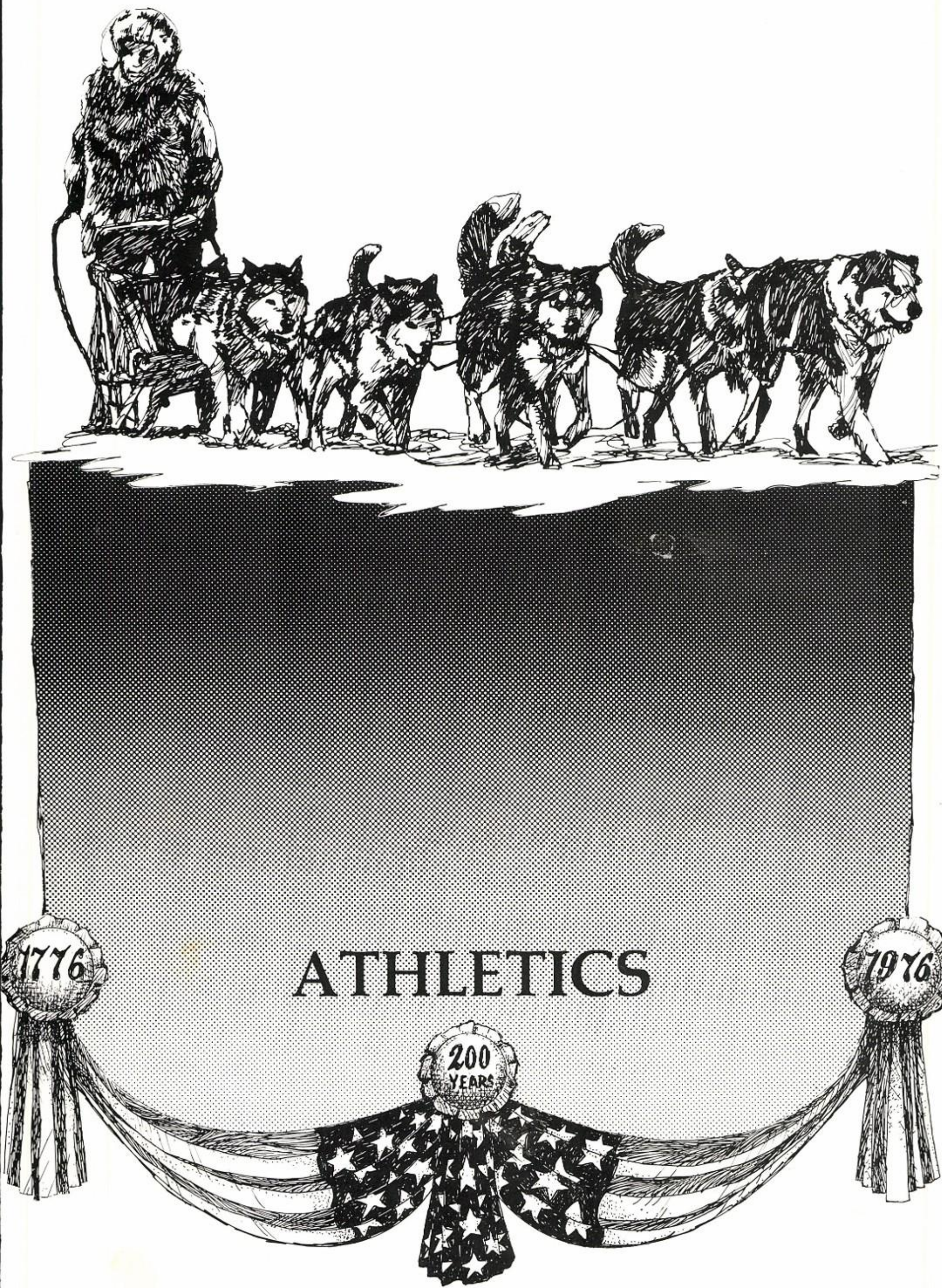

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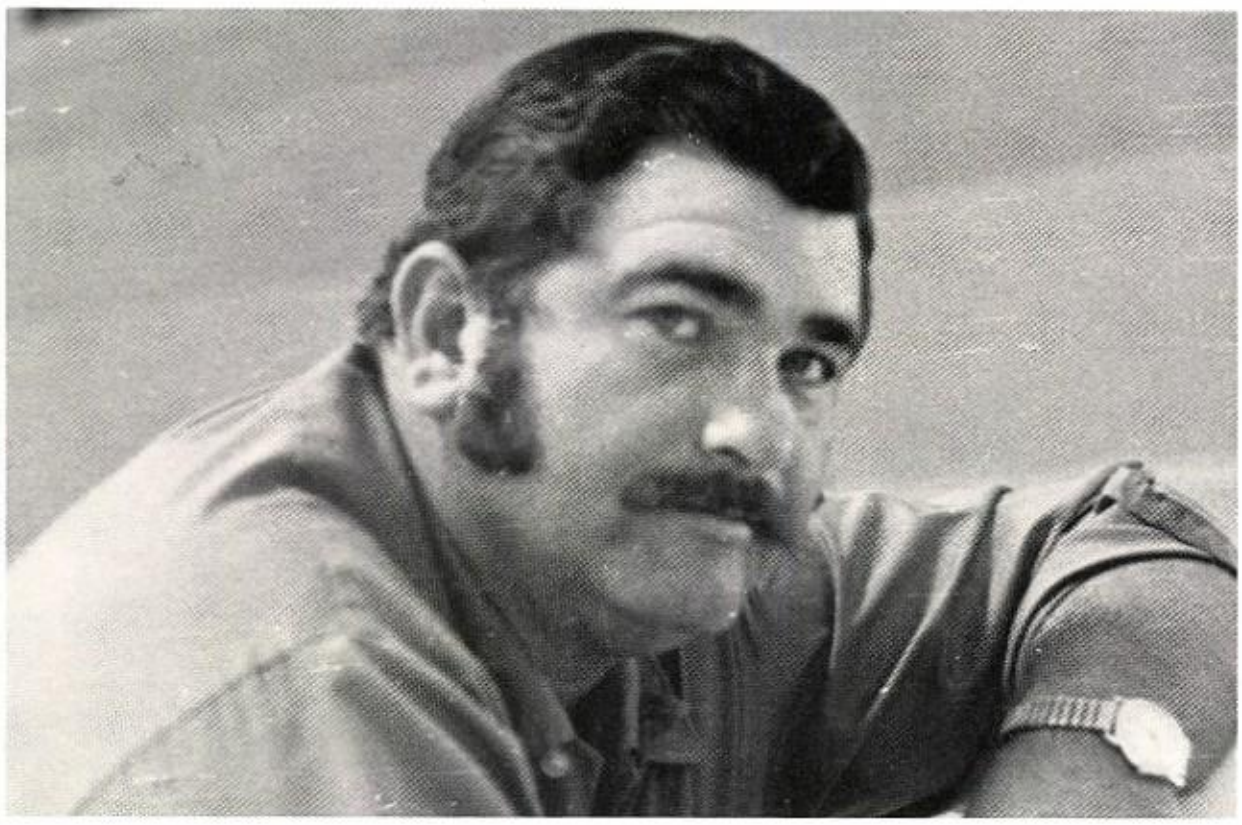
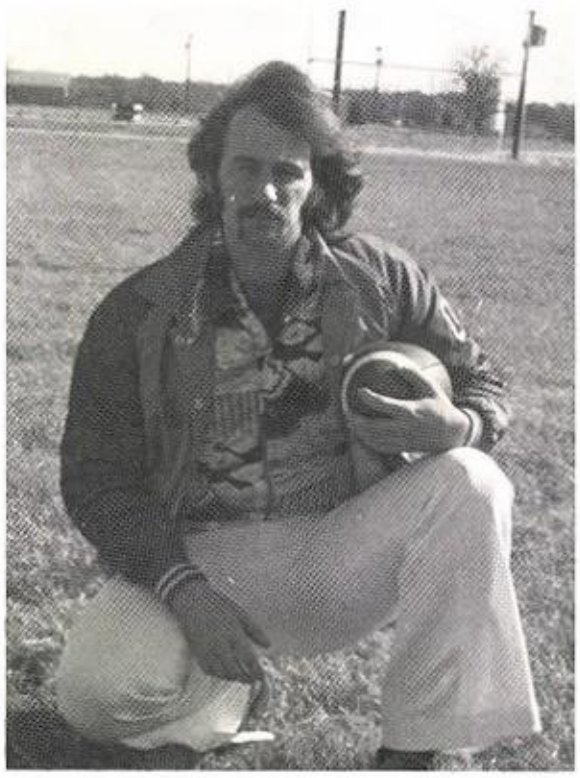
1975 VARSITY FOOTBALL



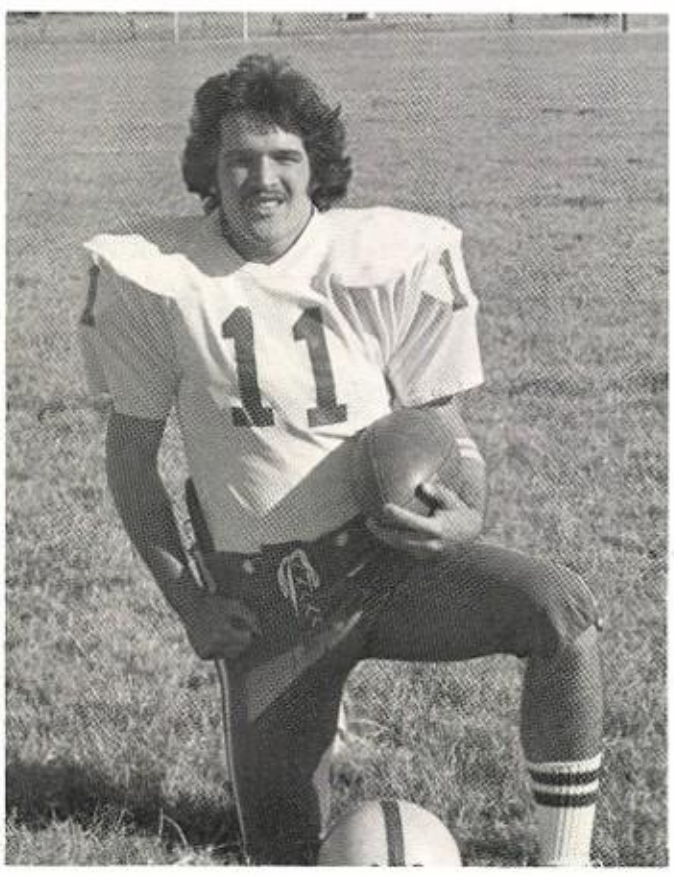
RICHARD RAST
Head Coach

JOHN AUNE
Line Coach

BILL SCUDDER
Assistant Coach

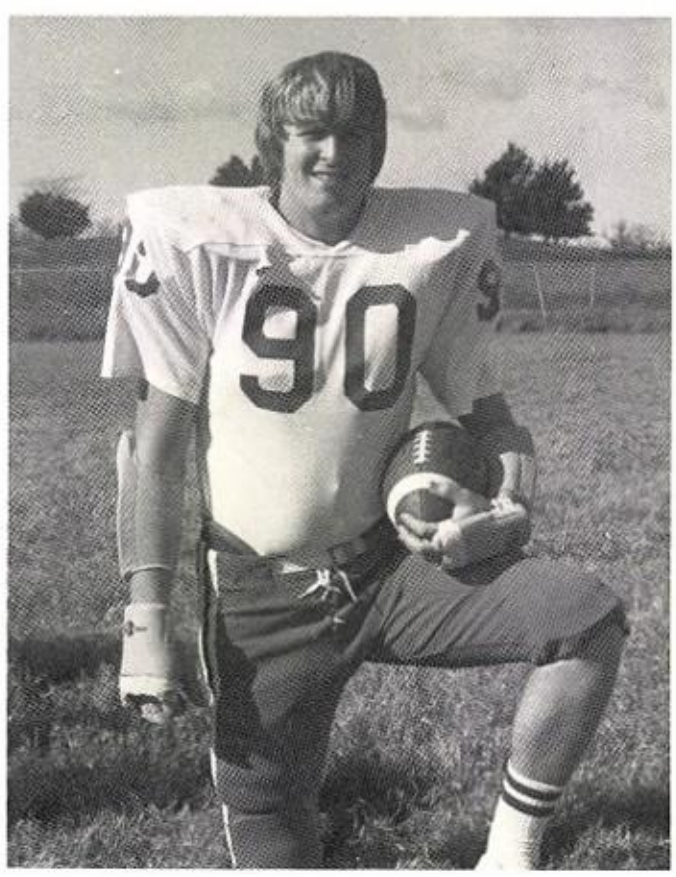


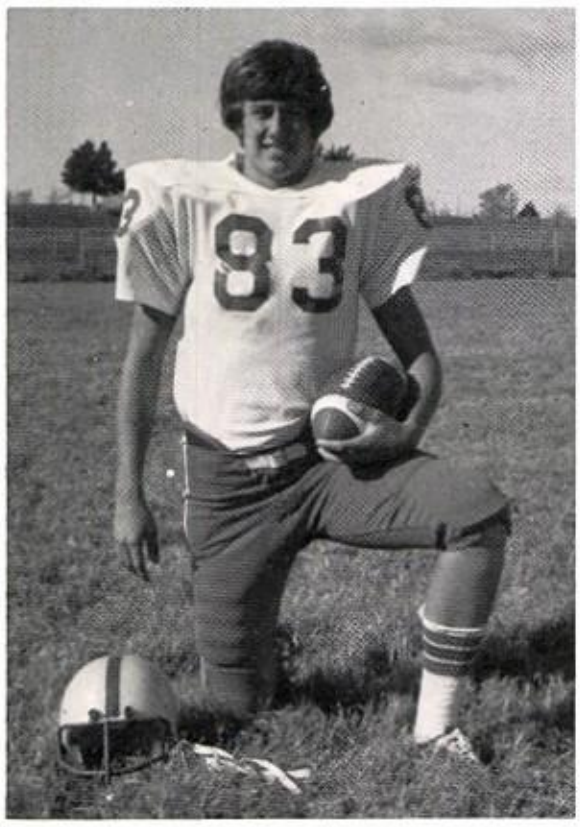
MARK WEIR
Assistant Coach



MARLON COTHAM
Back
All-District
Defensive Back
1st Team

BRAD HUDSON
End
All-District
Defensive End
2nd Team





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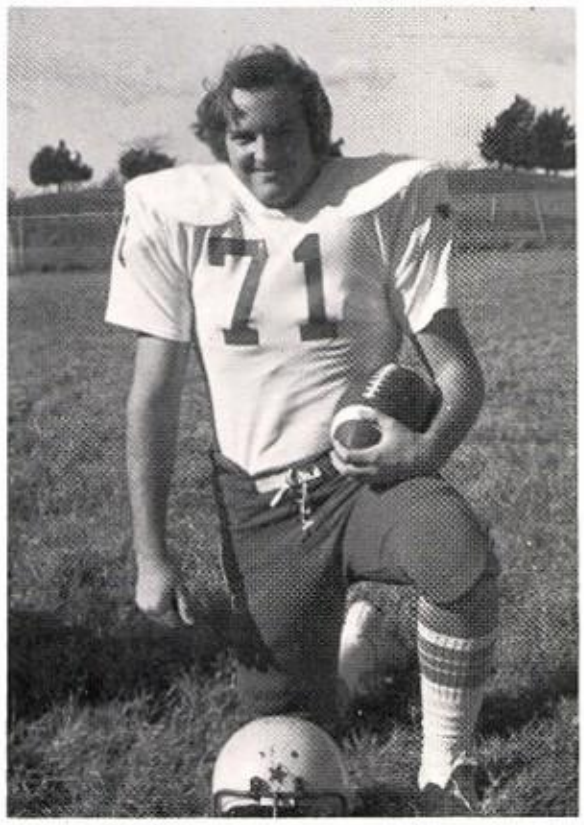

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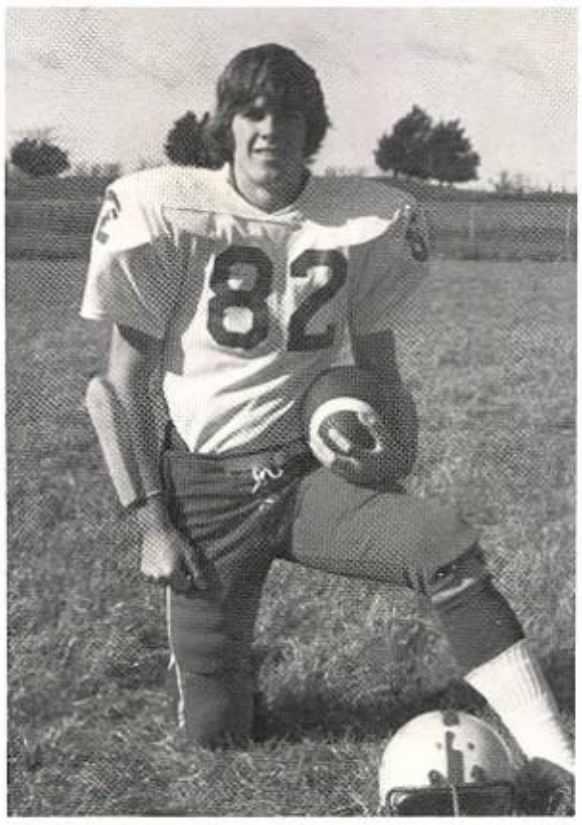

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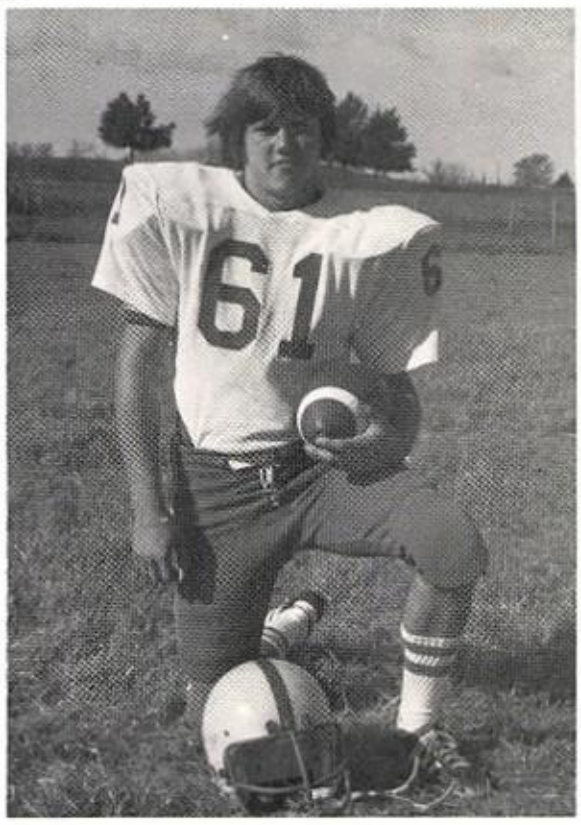

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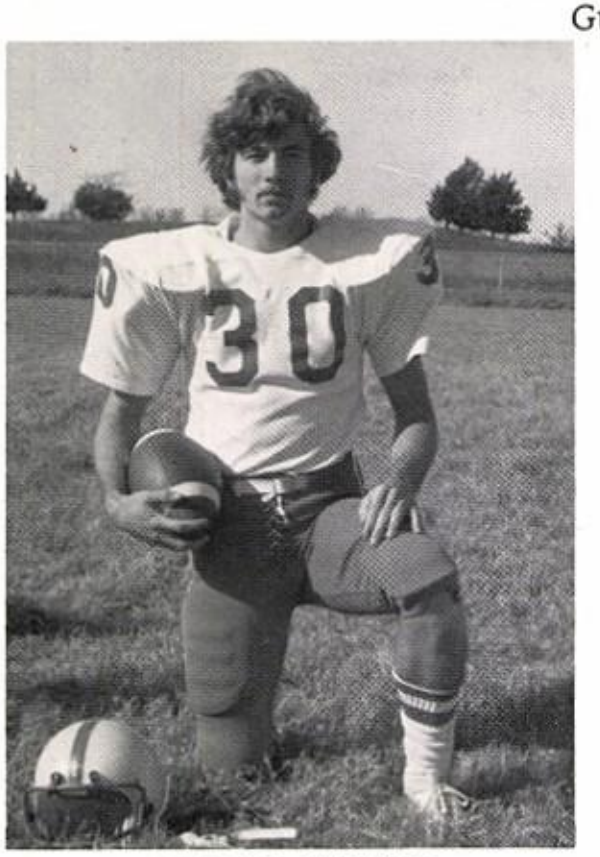

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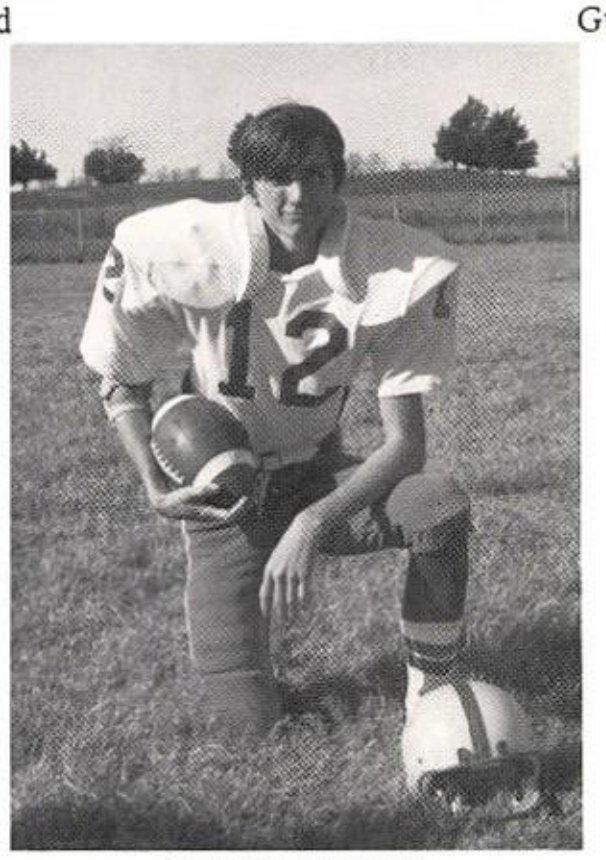

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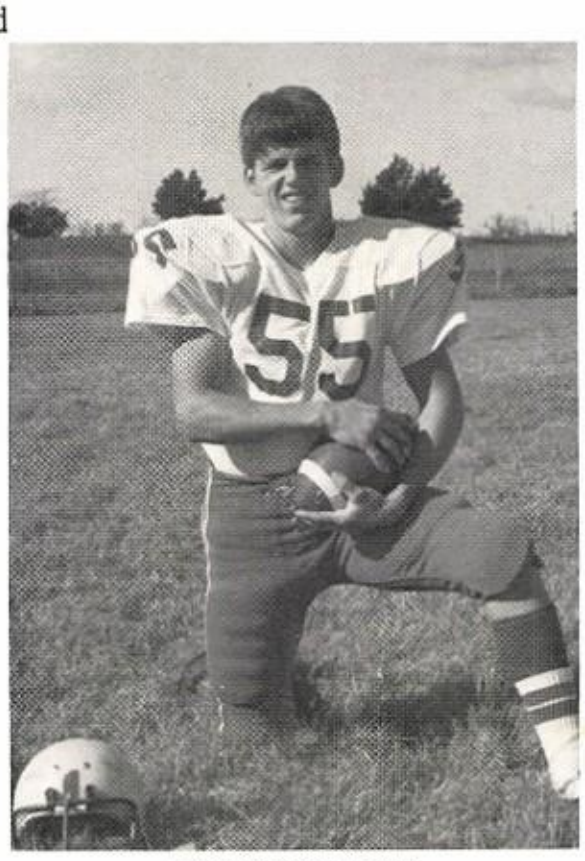

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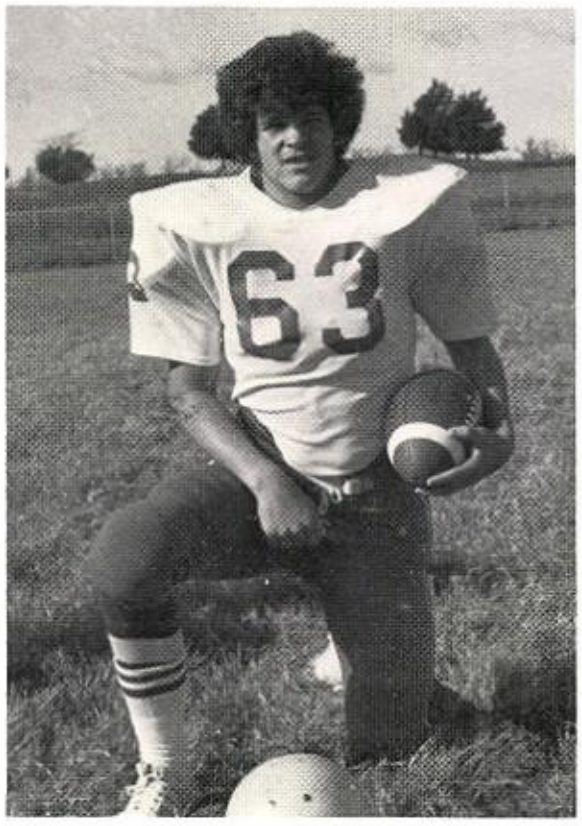

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KENNETH HALEY
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DONALD GRIBBLE
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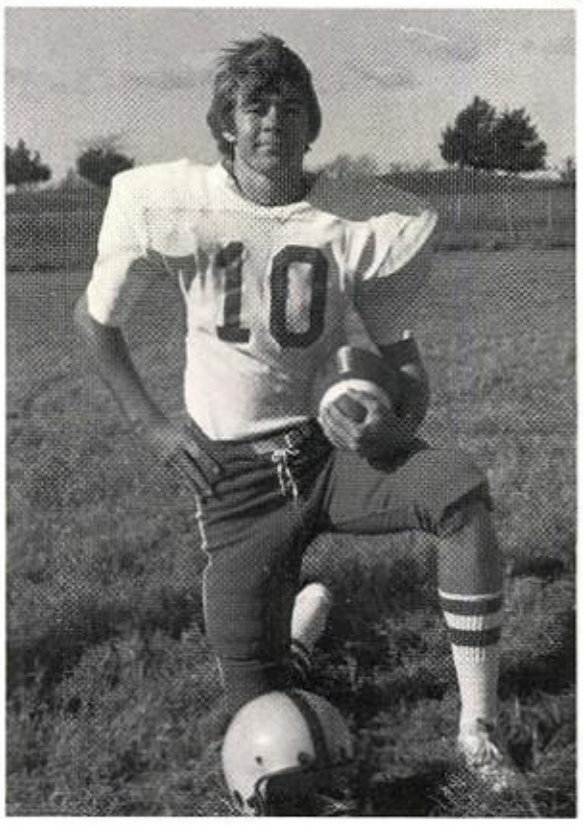

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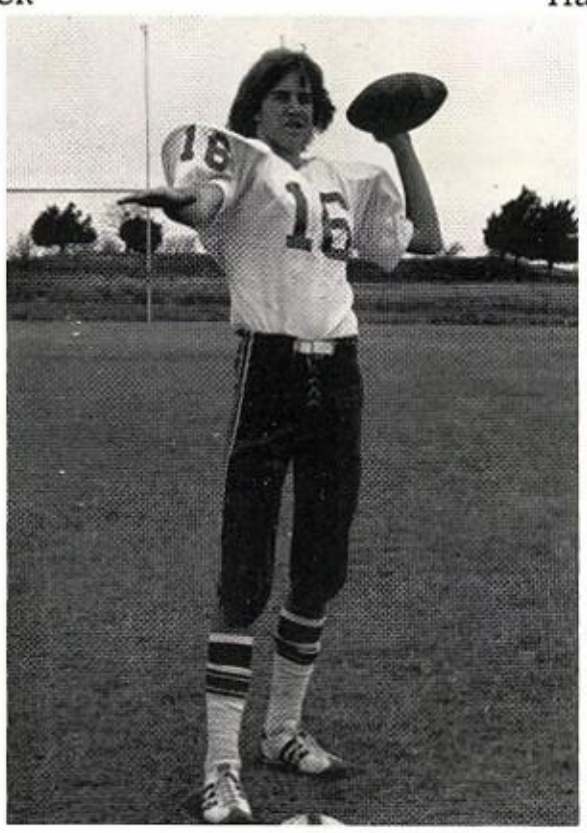

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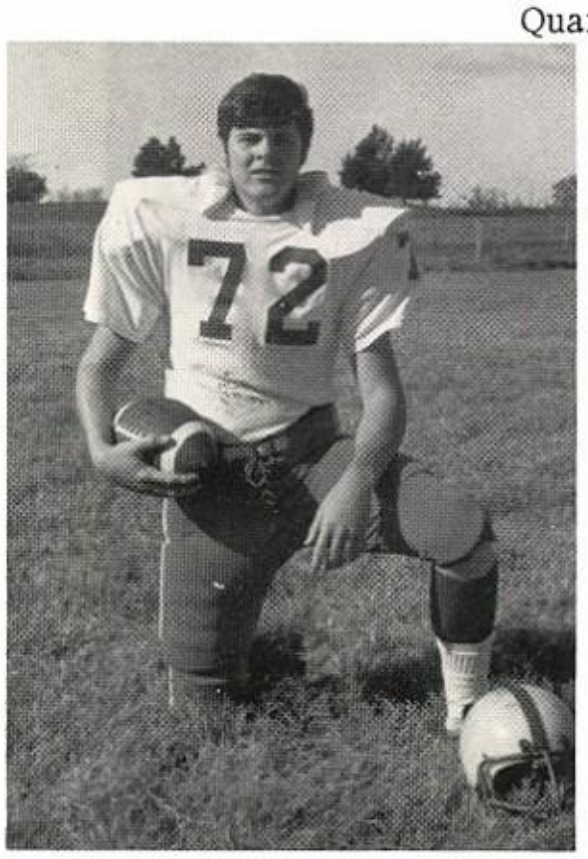

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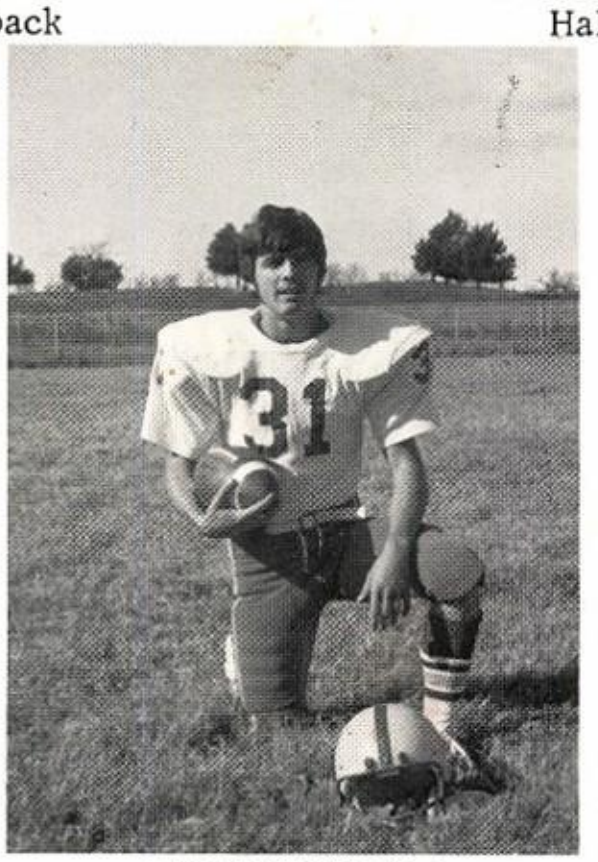

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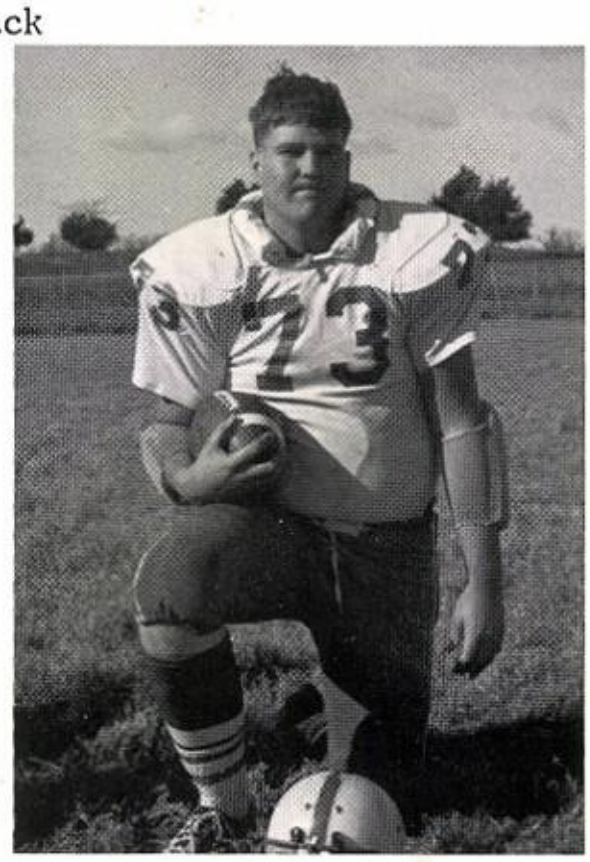

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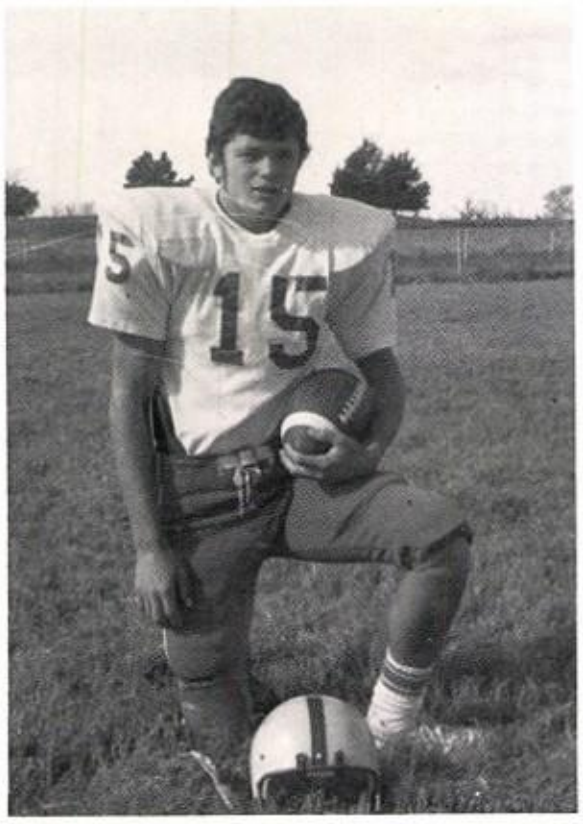

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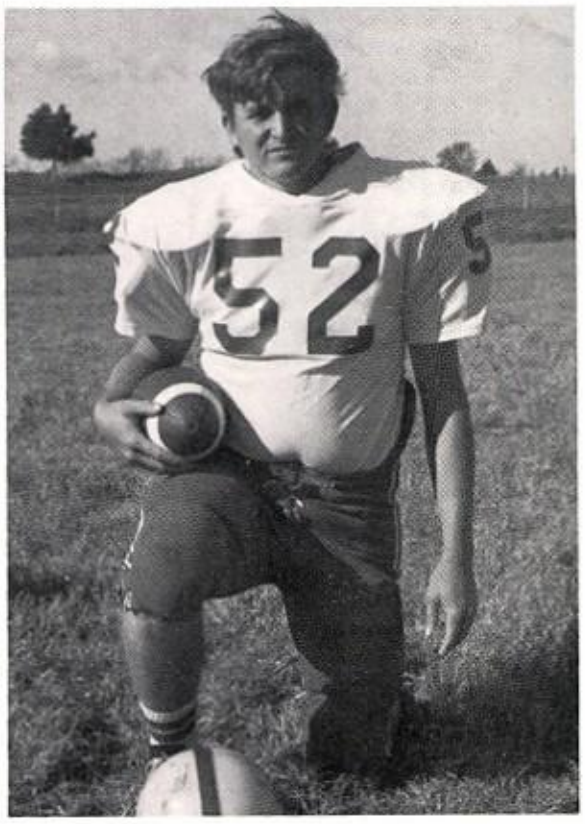

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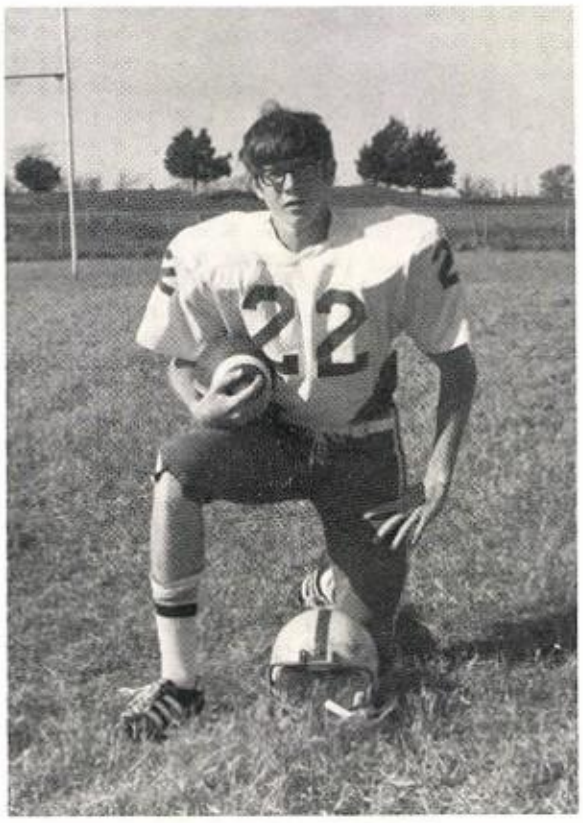

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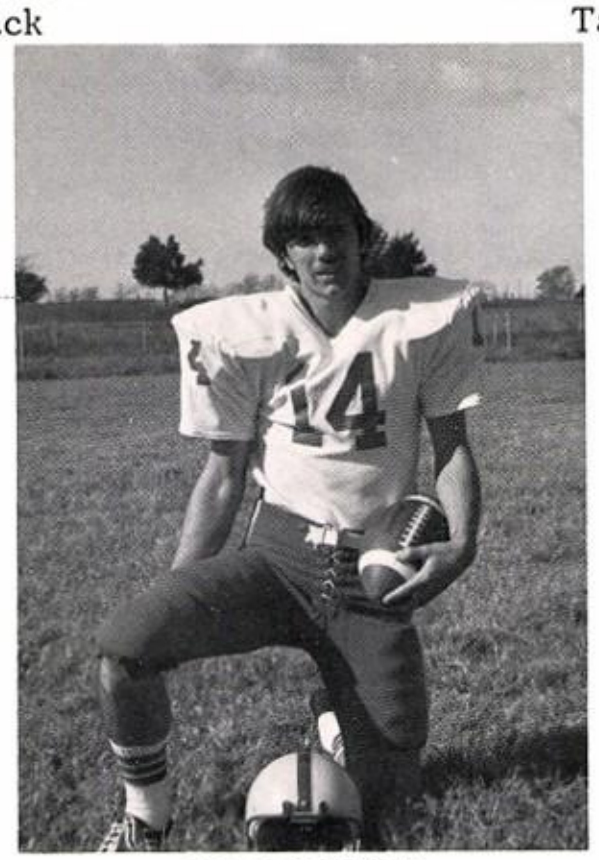

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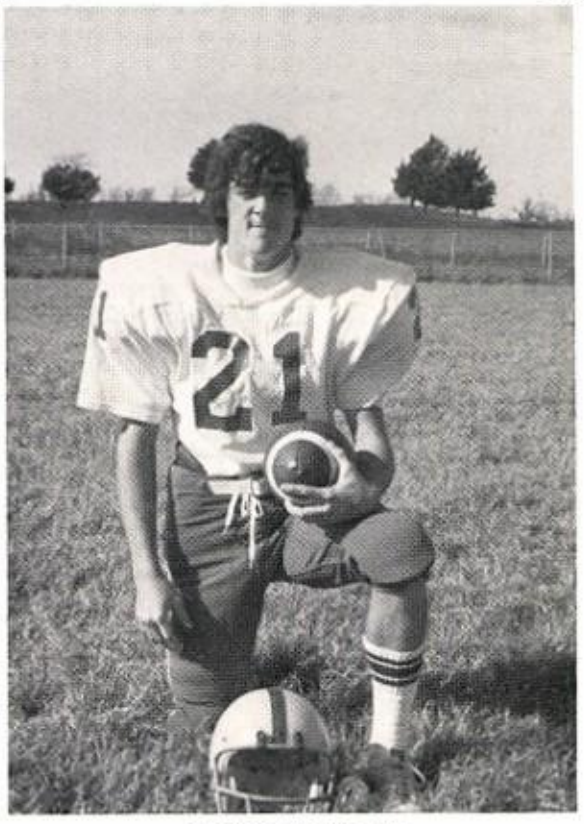

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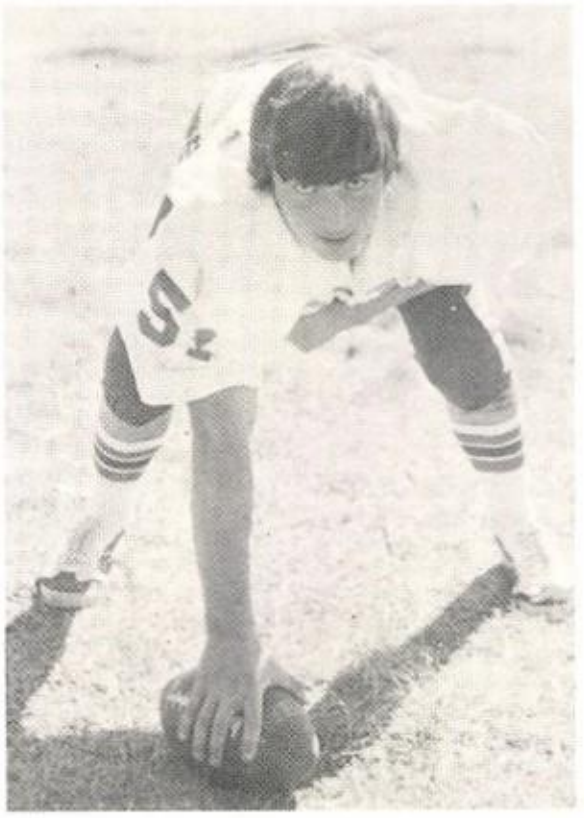
Quarterback

DARRELL HUMPHREY
Lineback

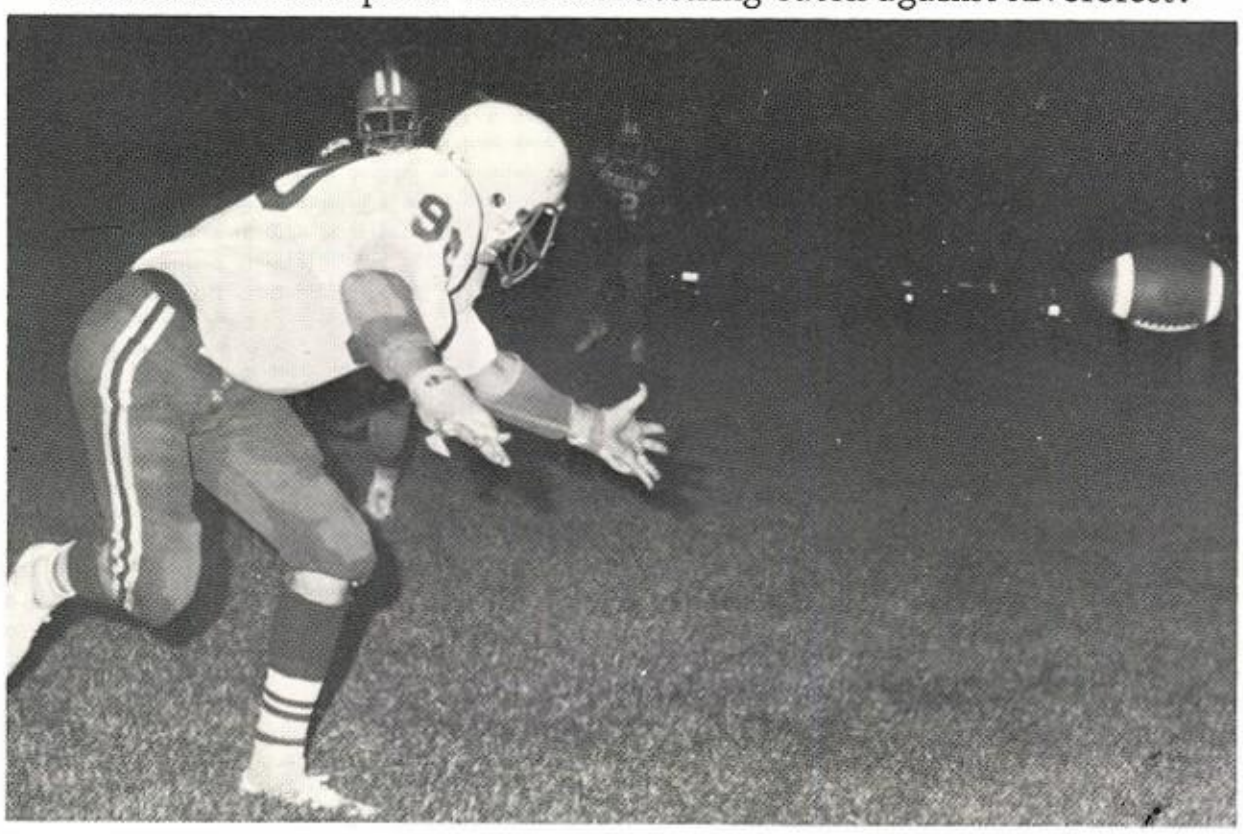
MARK BATES
Guard



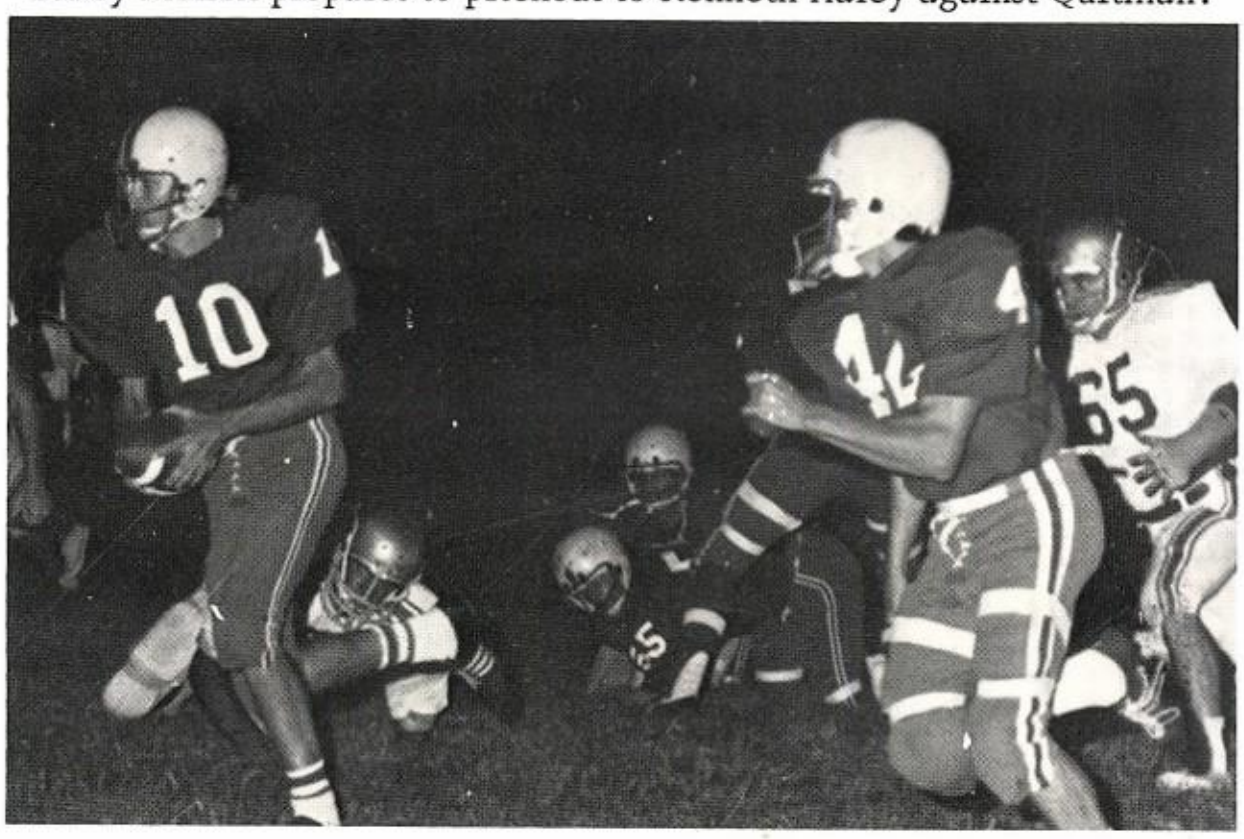
LARRY MOORE
Center

Quarterback Lukey Merritt scrambles for yardage against Quitman. Looking on are M. Cotham and T. Harbison.

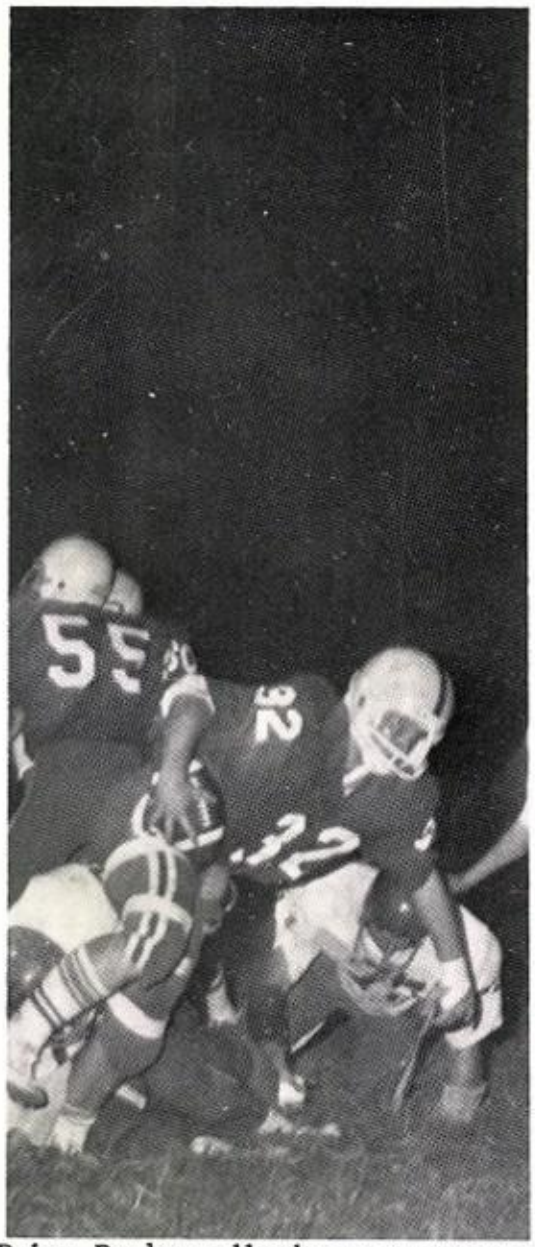
Brad Hudson attempts to make a shoestring catch against Rivercrest.



Lukey Merritt prepares to pitchout to Kenneth Haley against Quitman.

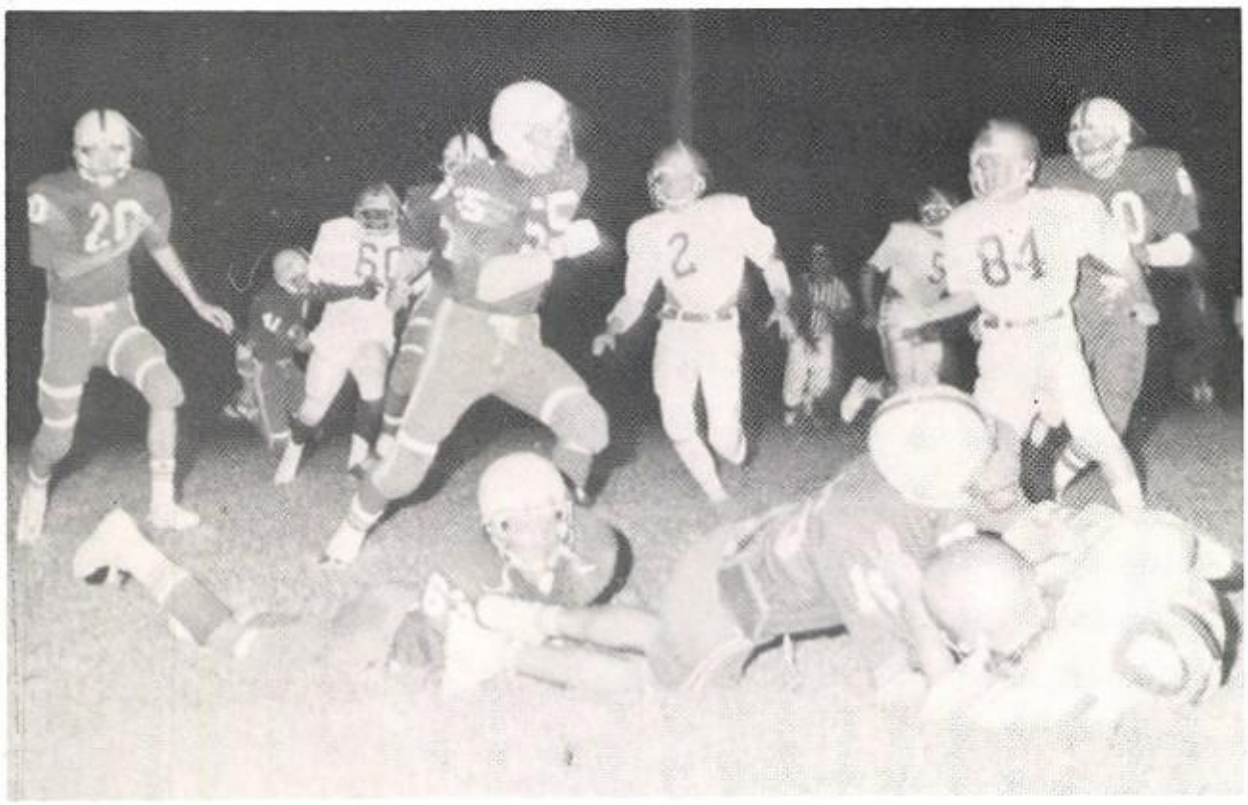


Patriot Phil Cantrell breaks tackles for a first down.



Brian Burks pulls down a spectacular catch!

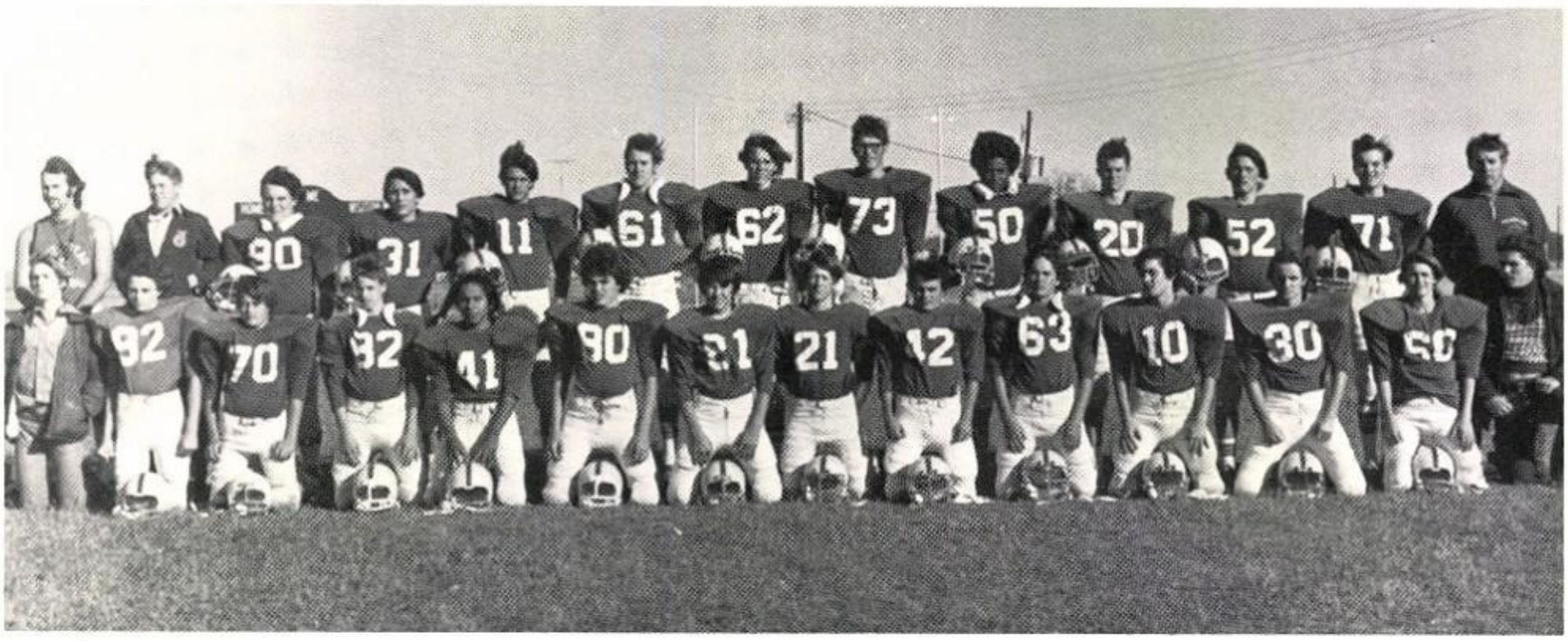
Where's the ball? M. Allen, C. Crump, R. Annett, C. Rater, R. Russell.



Donald Gribble turns up field for more yardage.

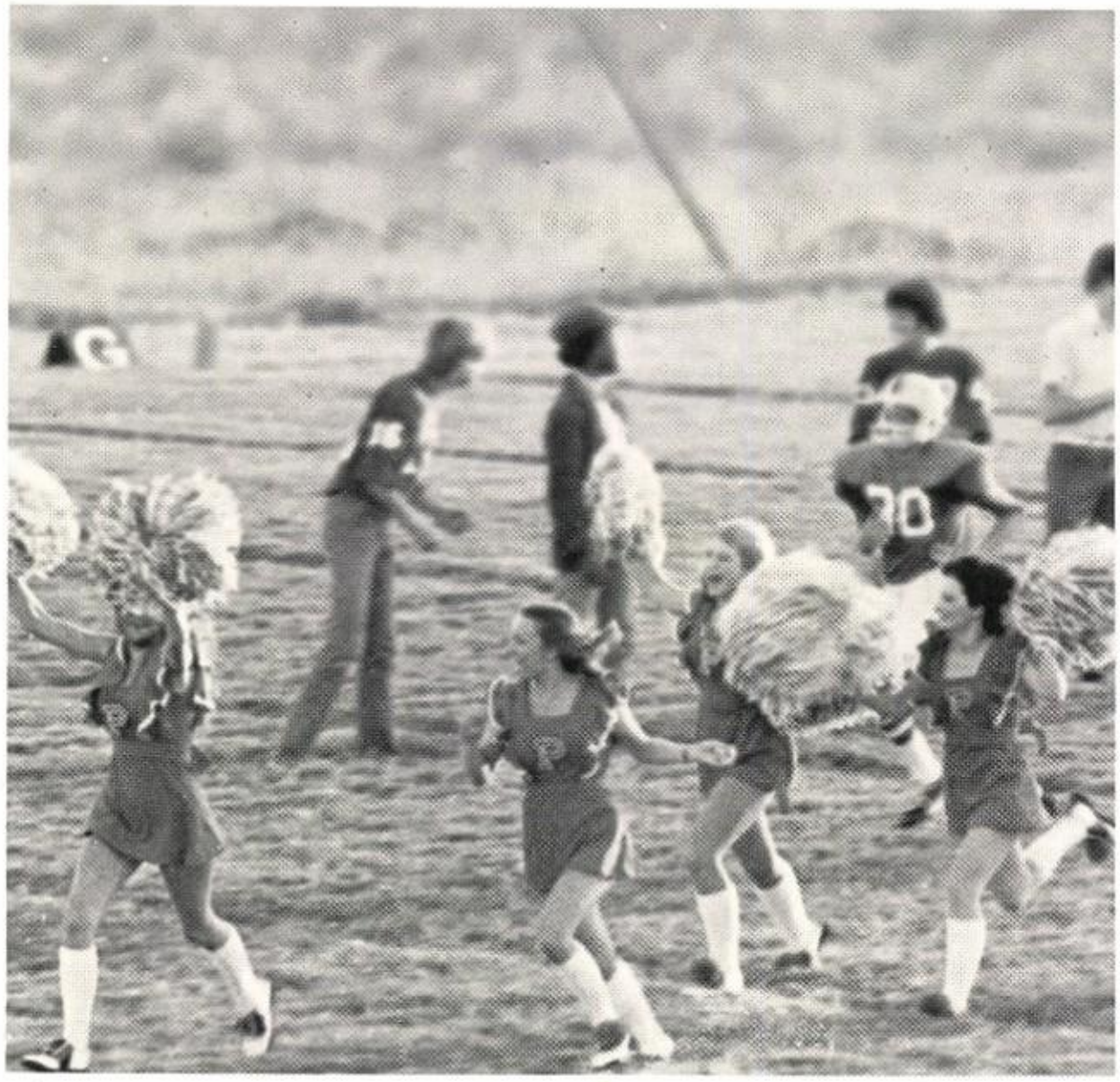
Marlon Cotham makes jolting tackle on Quitman player.

The Prairiland Patriots in their first year in district competition compiled a 4 wins, 6 loss record. Kenneth Haley was the leading rusher for the Patriots. Coach Rast was very pleased with his Patriots this year and is looking forward to a great season next year.



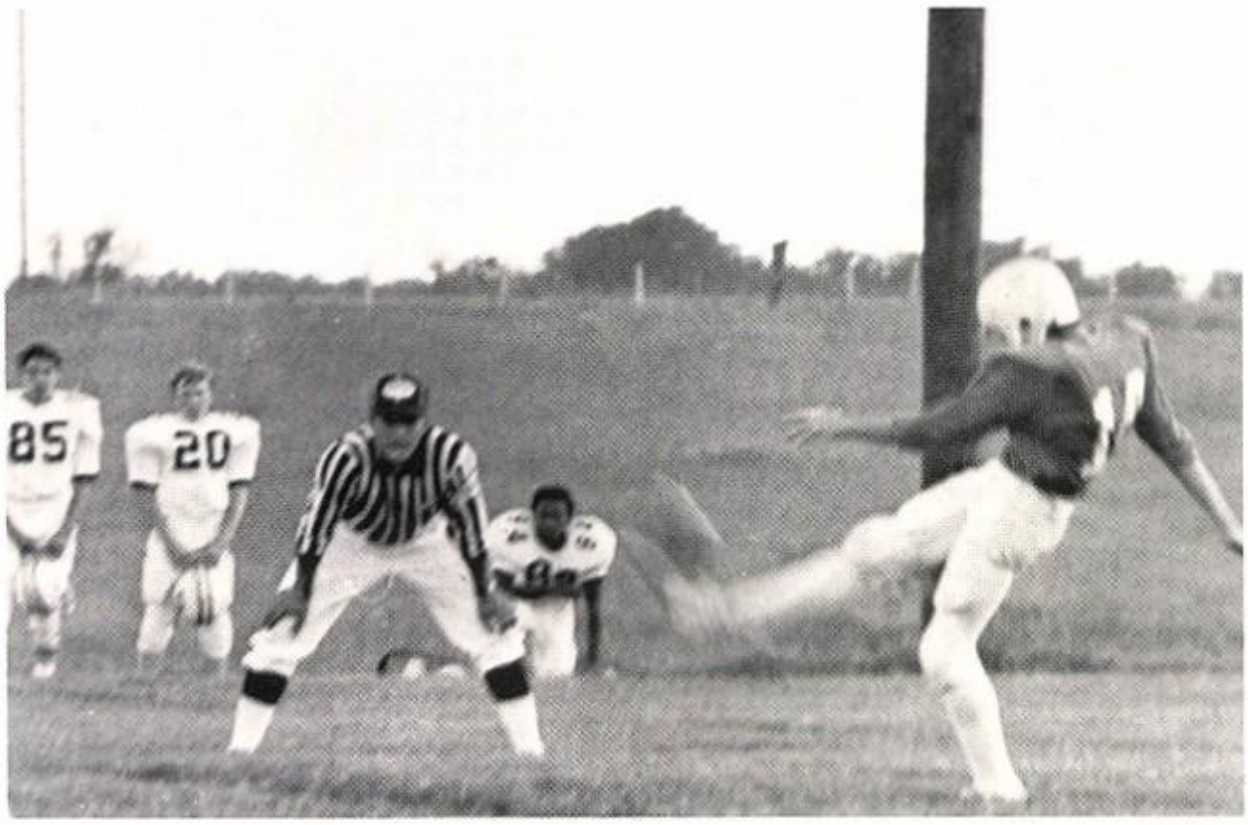
Kneeling (left to right) L. Outland, J. Webb, J. Malone, R. Reeves, A. Frazier, T. Russell, D. Pasquill, T. Erwin, D. Haley, J. Russell, T. Dunn, M. Kincaid, D. Philpot, G. Smith. Standing (left to right) Coach Mark Weir, D. Ramsey, T. Tally, K. McDowra, R. Rhodes, M. Bates, D. Harbison, D. Parks, P. Whitney, D. Humphery, L. Moore, T. Lacy, Coach Bill Scudder.

Leading the Patriots to victory C. Wolfe, N. Merrill, K. Haley, T. Groves.

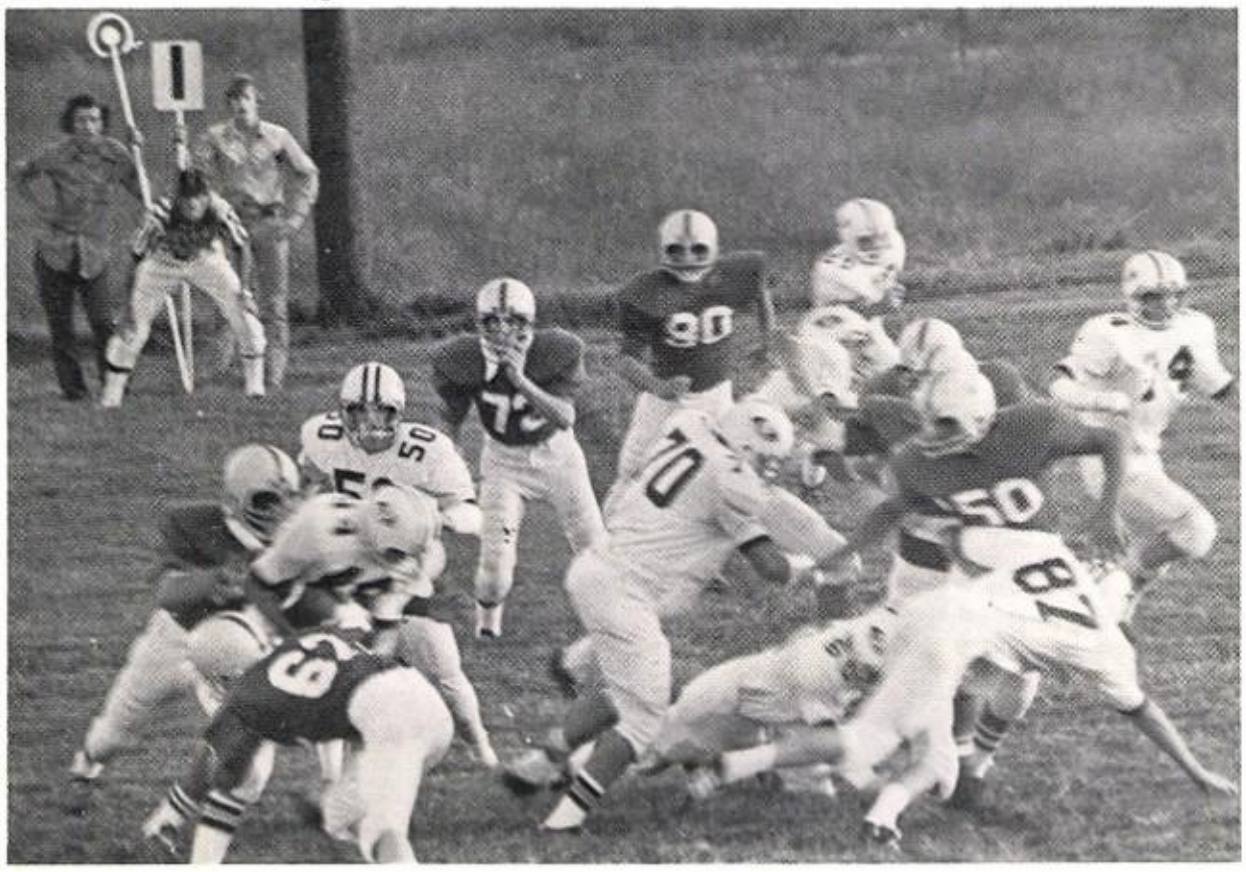


Mickey Kincaid around the end against Idabel.

T. Dunn gets off a punt to Idabel.



Nowhere to go L. Moore, T. Erwin, M. Kincaid, T. Dunn.



Patriots' tough defense doesn't give. D. Harbison, P. Whitney, M. Bates, T. Tally.

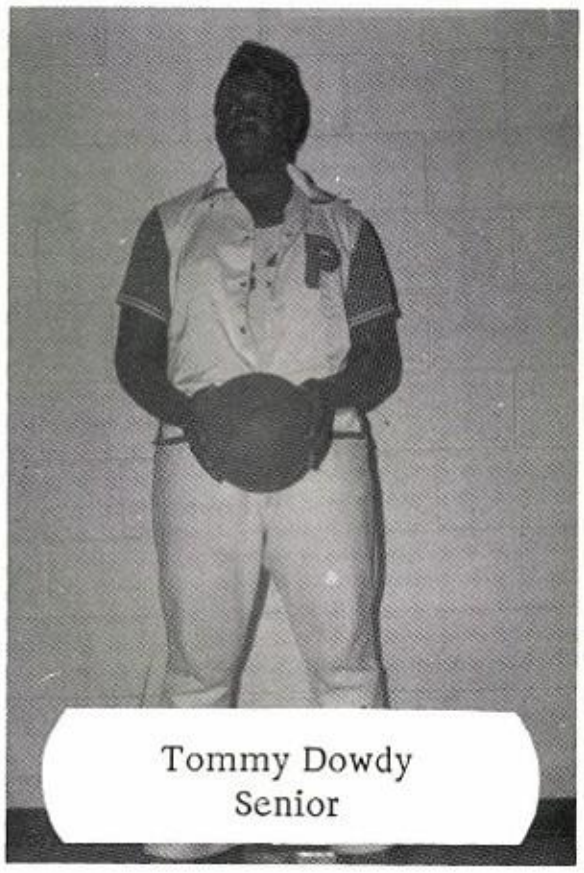
Mickey Kincaid surrounded by tacklers.

VARSITY BASKETBALL

Patriots of '76' State Semi-Finalist

The successful accomplishments of these outstanding young men will always be remembered by all who followed the Patriots. Dedication, desire, ability and the will power to never give up brought these athletes their greatest year. May everyone remember these individuals for their character and spirit during the year of '76. The patriots of '76 have my admiration and respect concerning all phases of life. May God be with them and their success reach the highest level of attainment.

Head Basketball coach Sincerely, Mark A Wells



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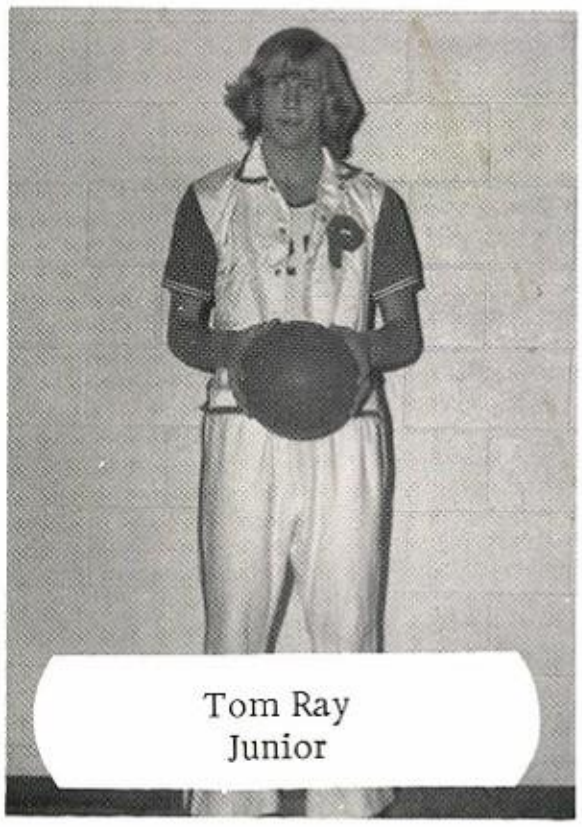
Senior



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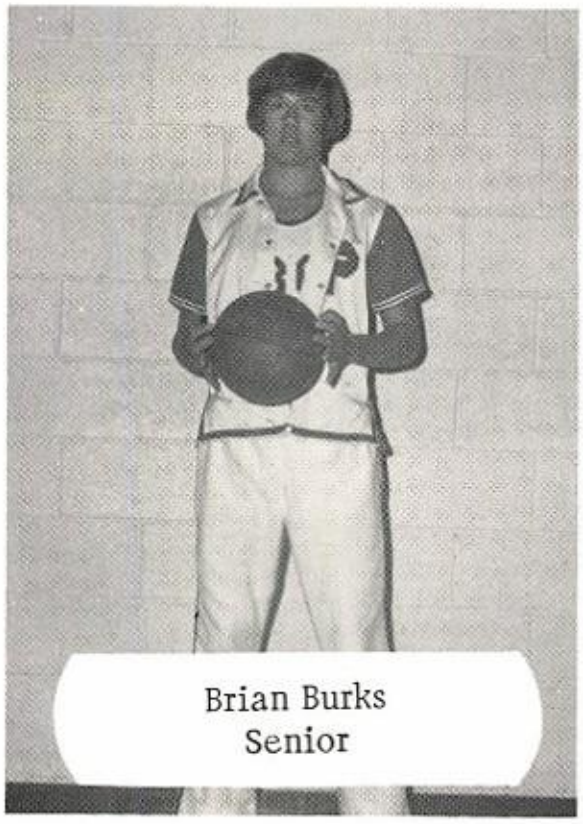

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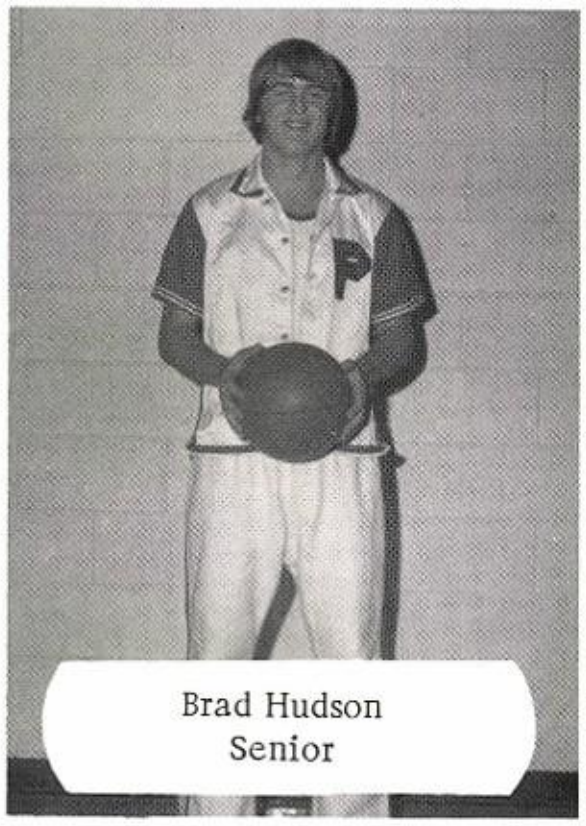

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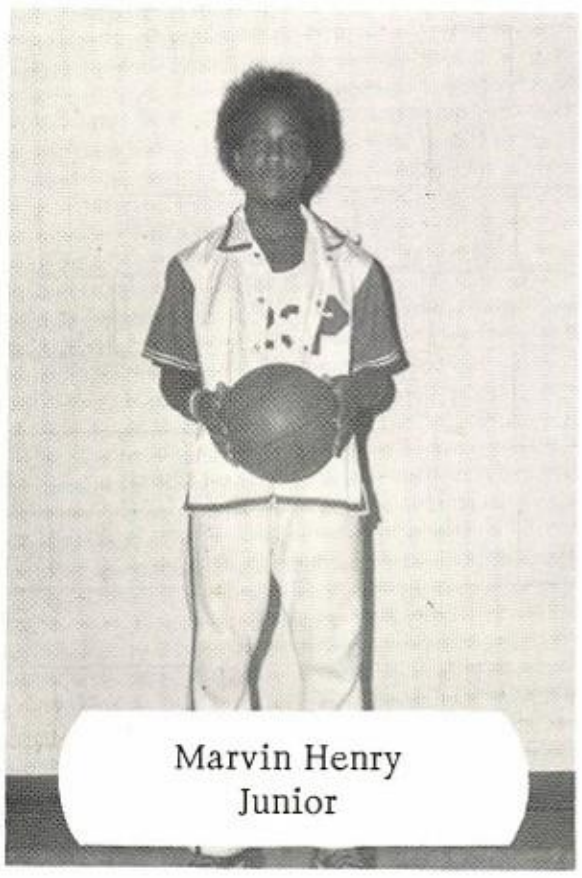

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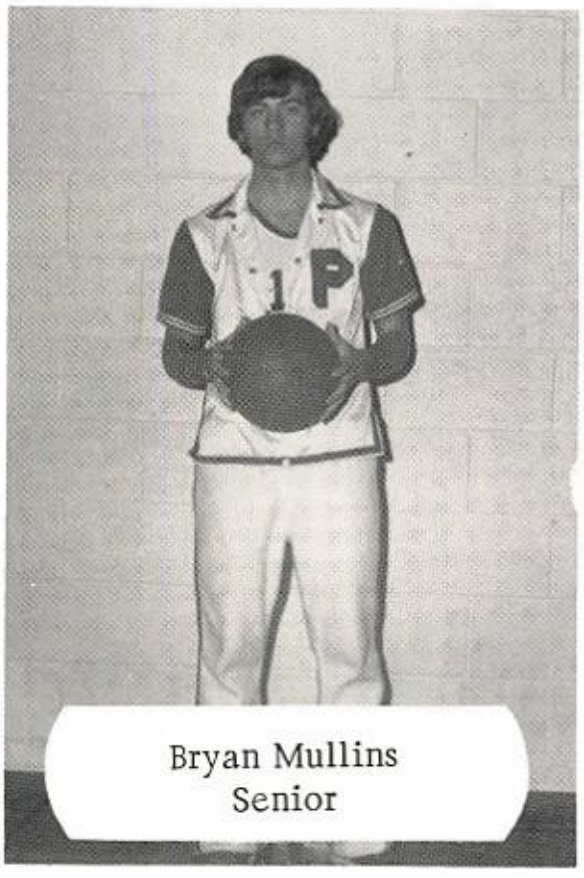

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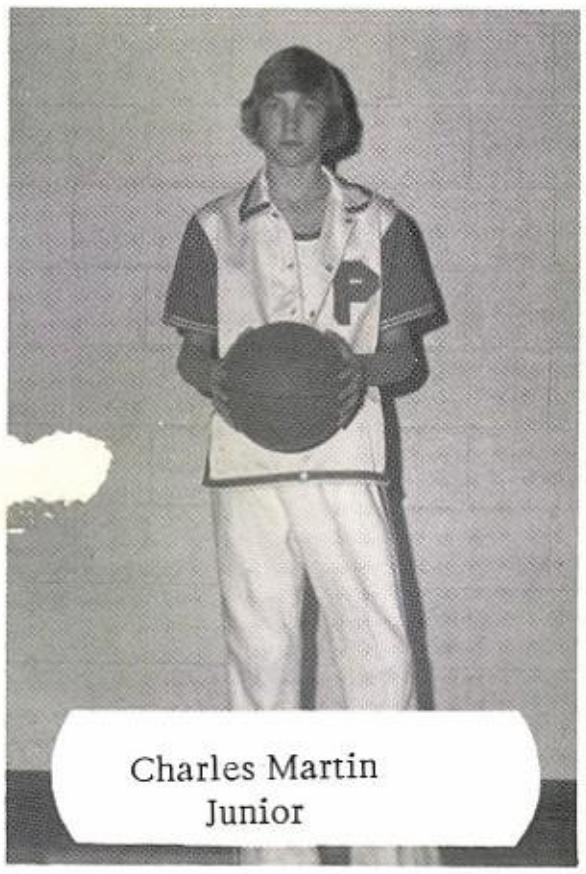

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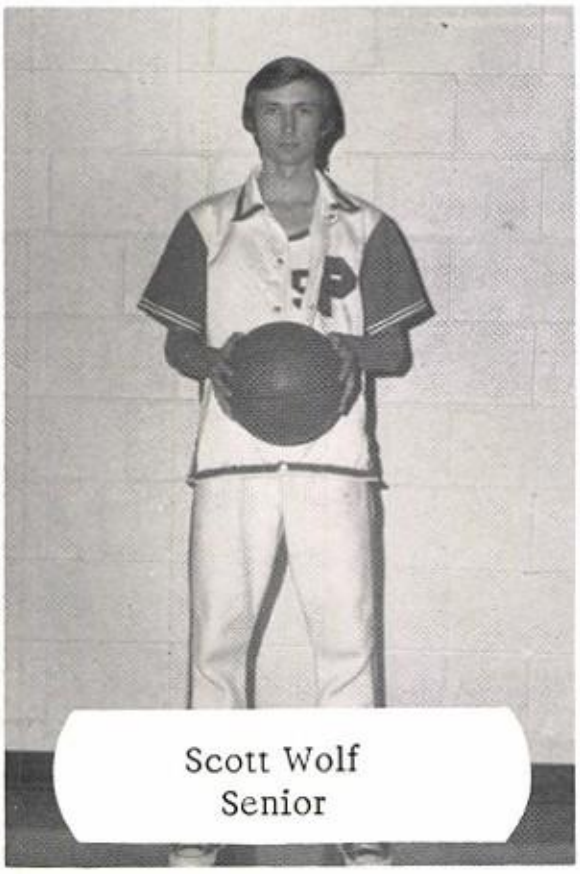

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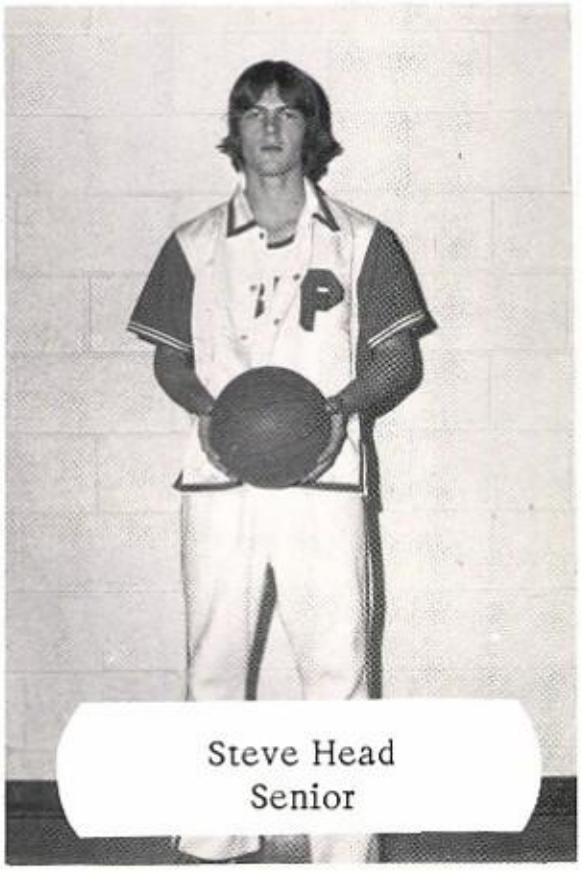

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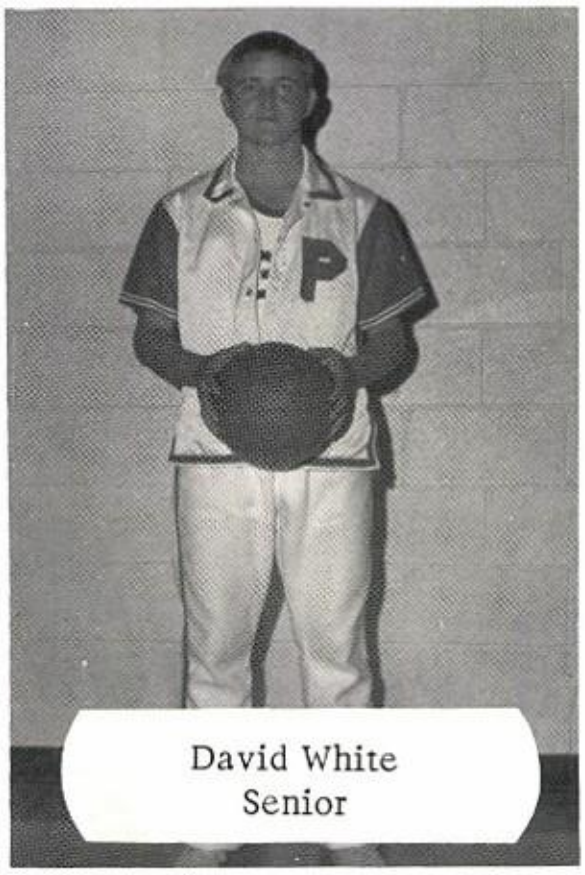

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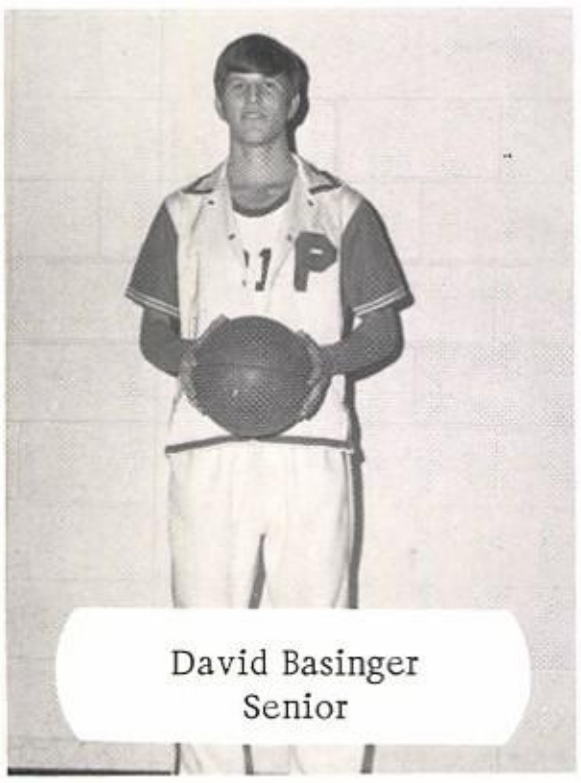

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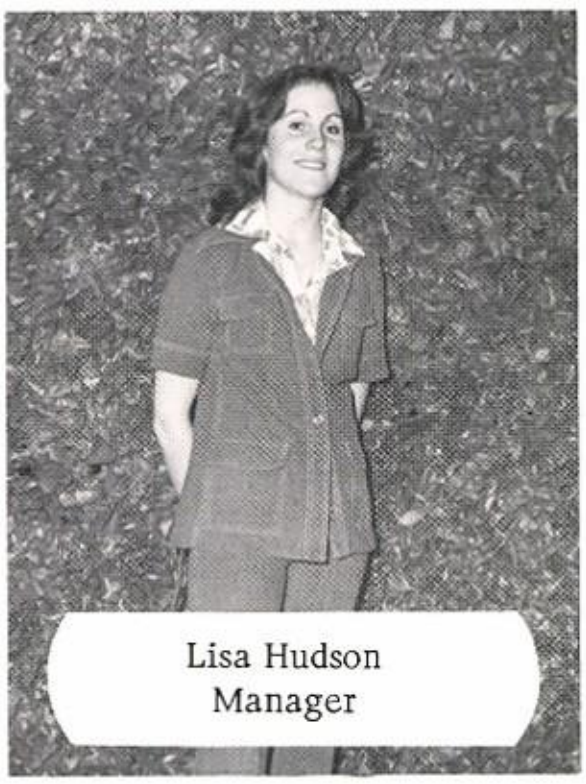

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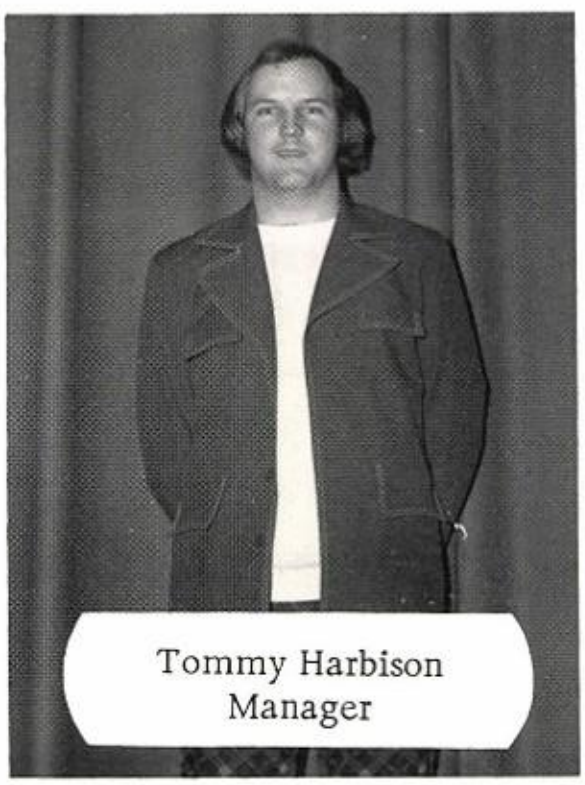
Manager



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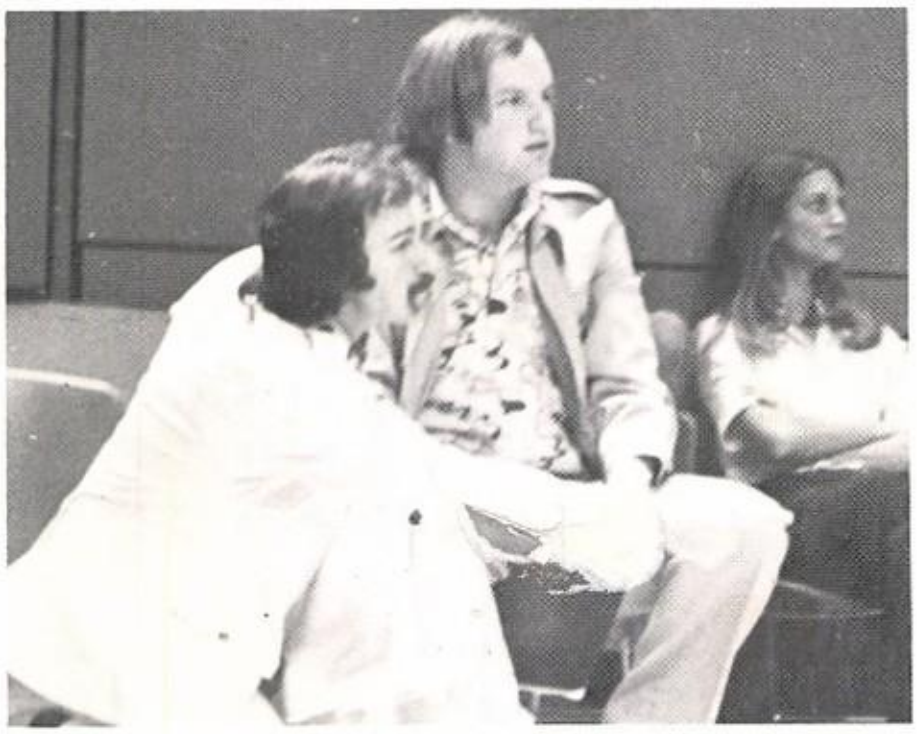
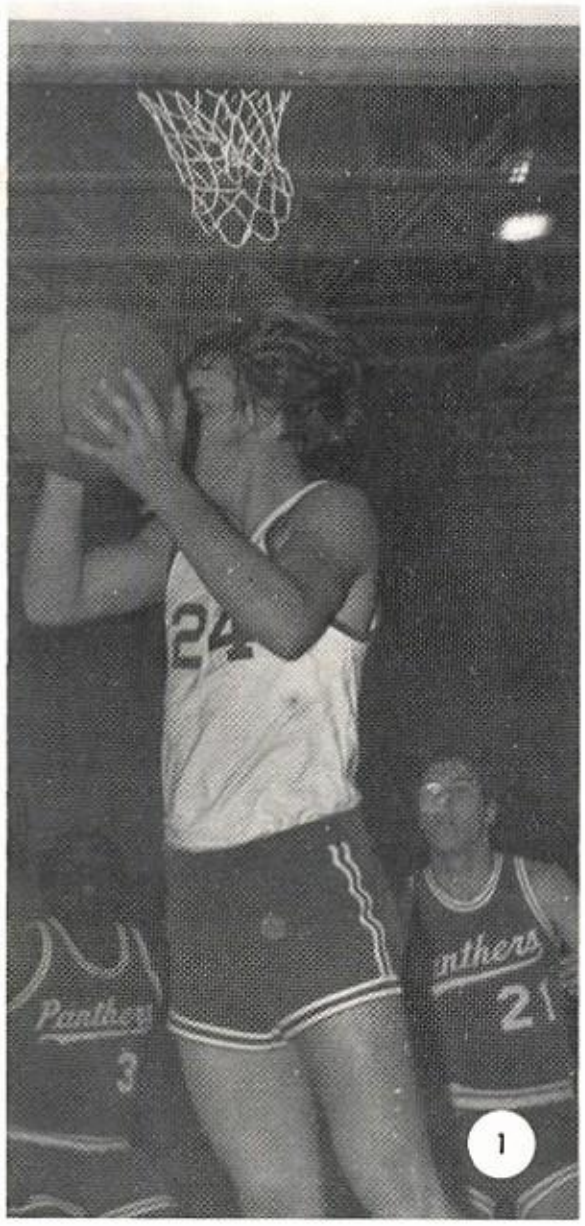


Coach Weir delivers a message to his forces to tighten down on defense.

1. Brad Hudson grabs another rebound against North Lamar Panthers.
2. Dowdy shoots in two more as a North Lamar defender is caught behind.
3. Tom Ray scores again as he uses his famous patented hooker.
4. Brian Burks scores again as he slips in between two bewildered Panthers.



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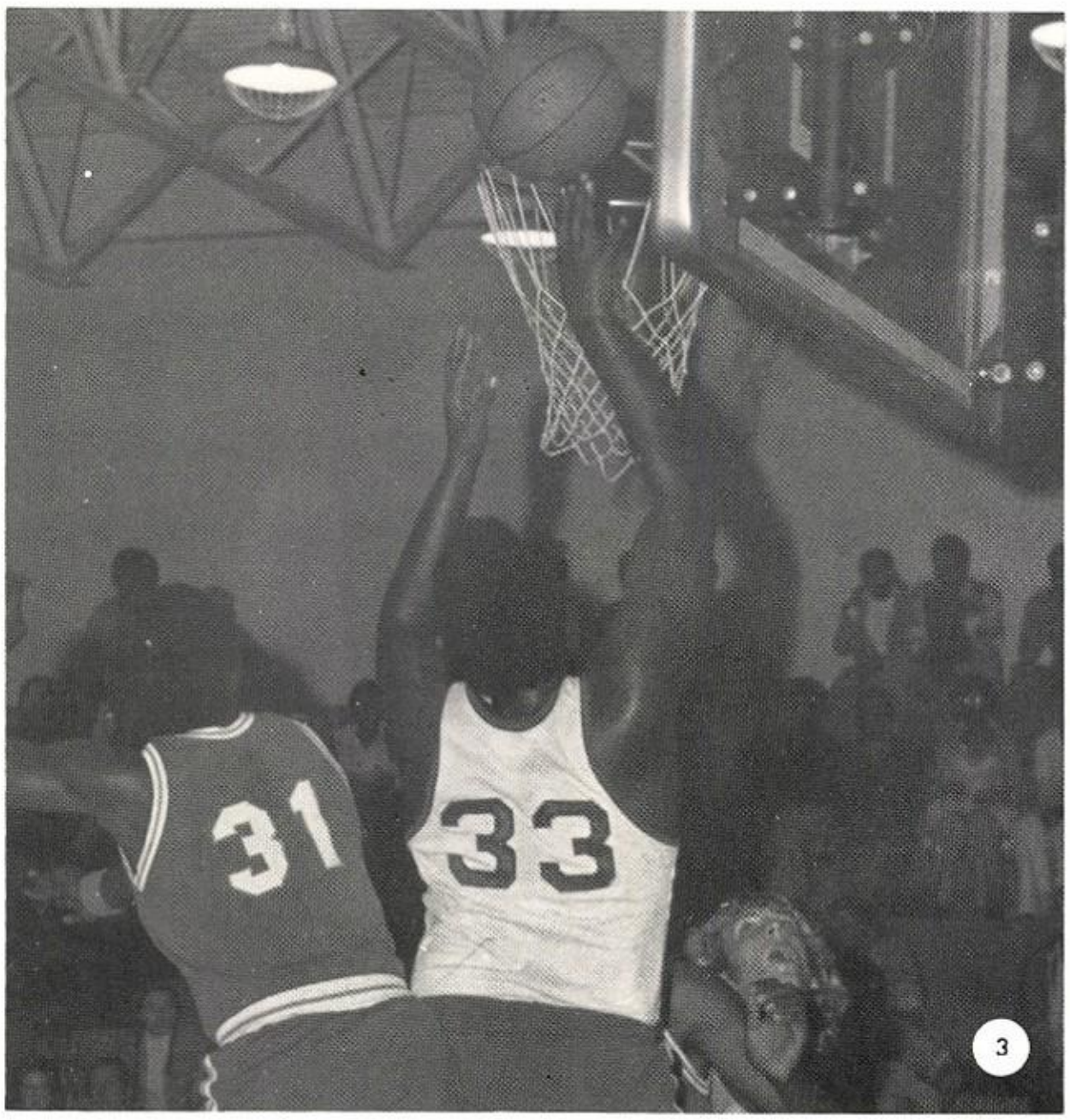

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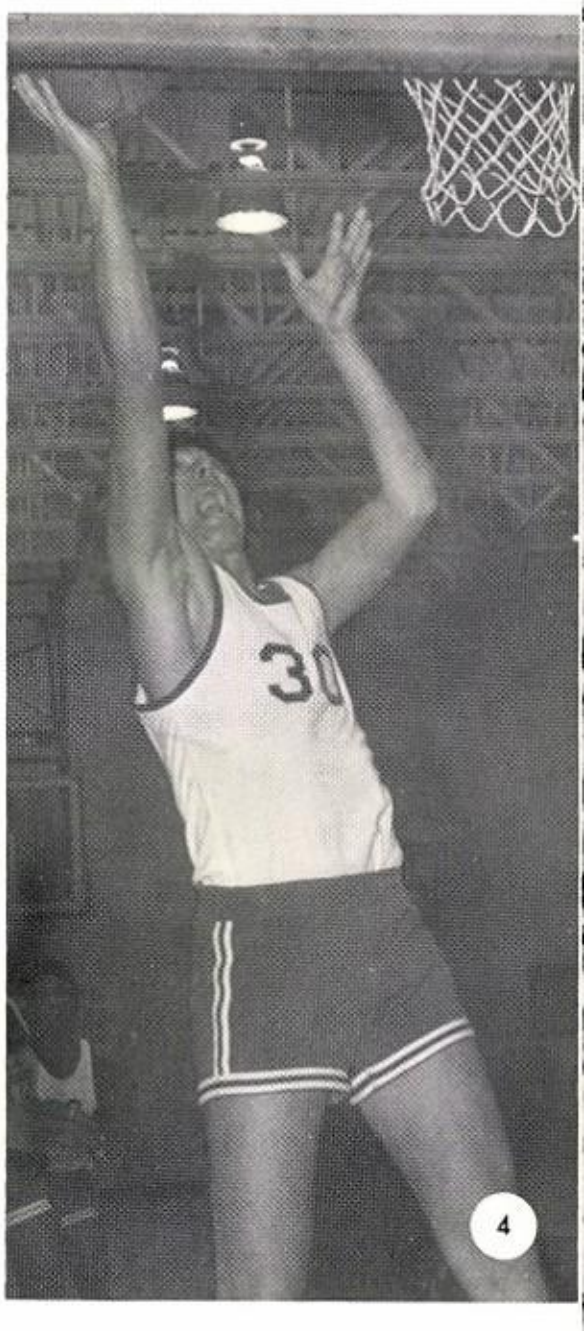

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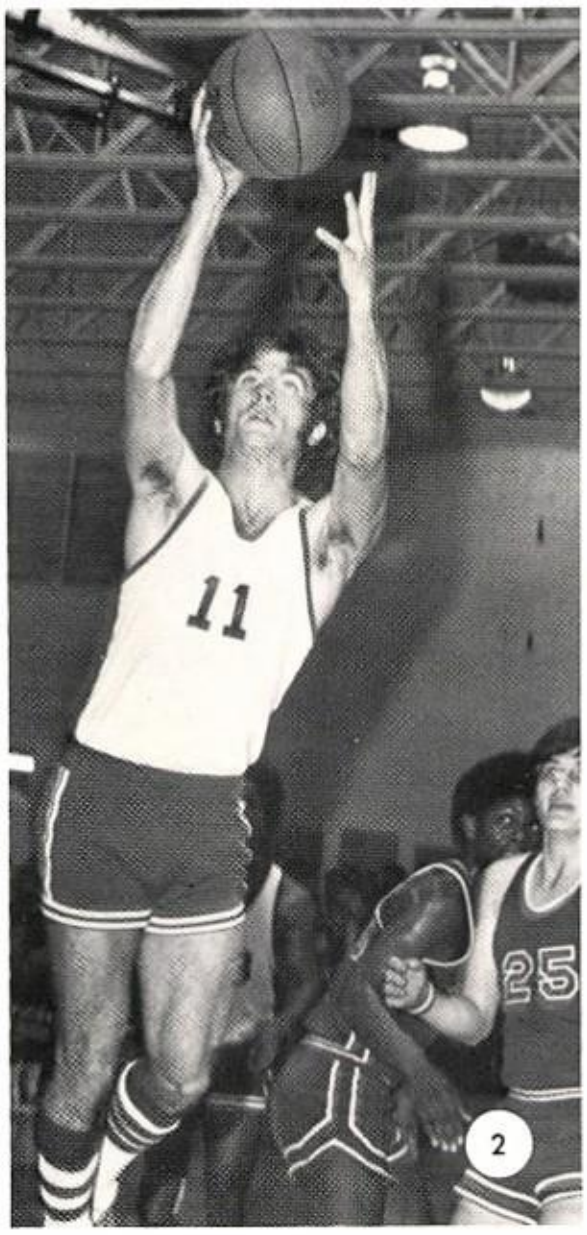

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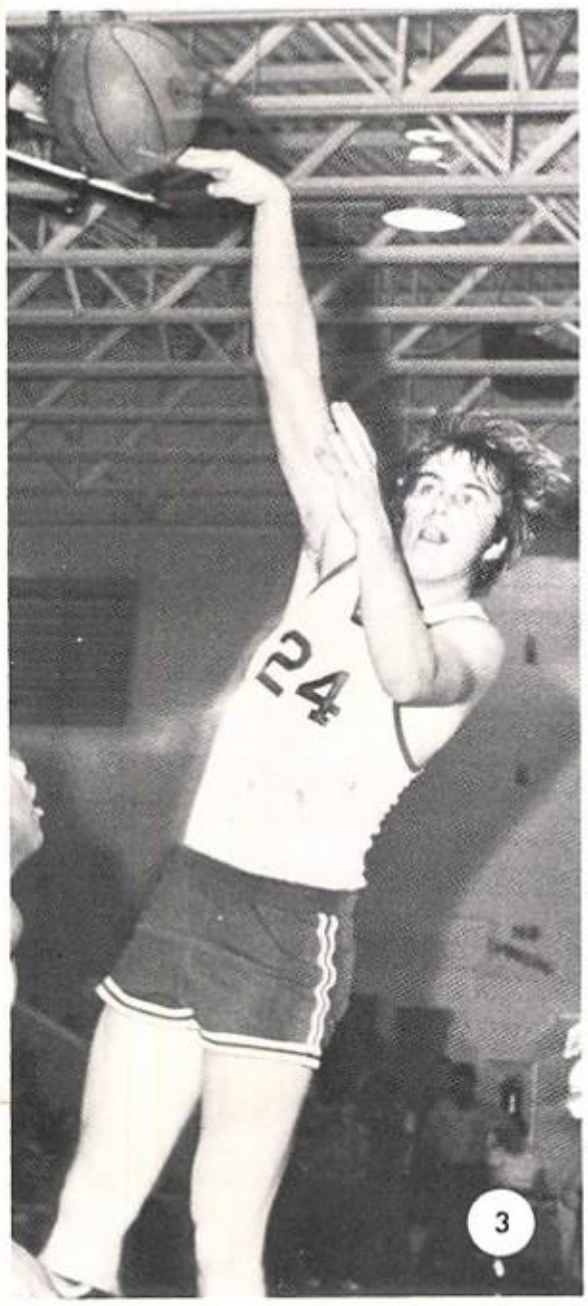

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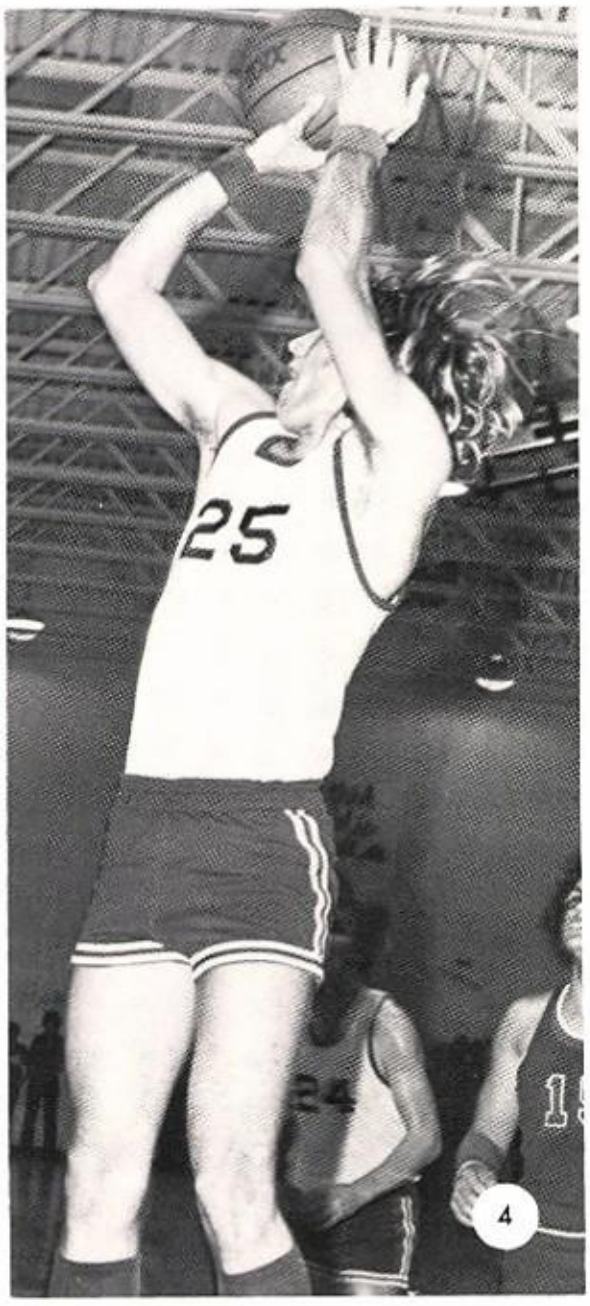

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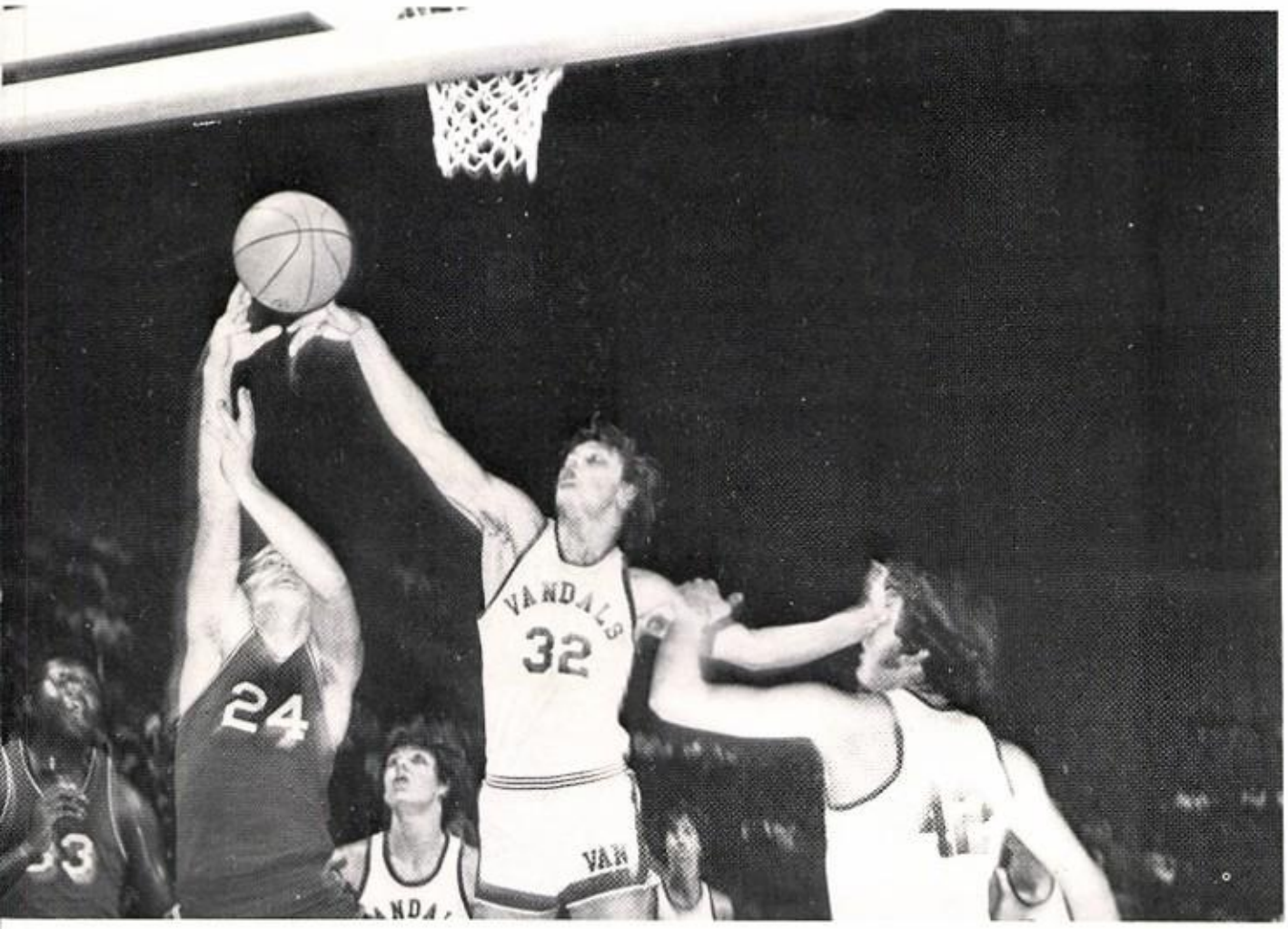
1. Tommy Dowdy yanks it off the board for two against Paul Pewitt as the Patriots staged a miraculous comeback for victory.
2. Brian Mullins driving in for 2 against Quitman.
3. Brad Hudson passing off for an assist to a teammate going backdoor.
4. Tom Ray going up for a jumper.

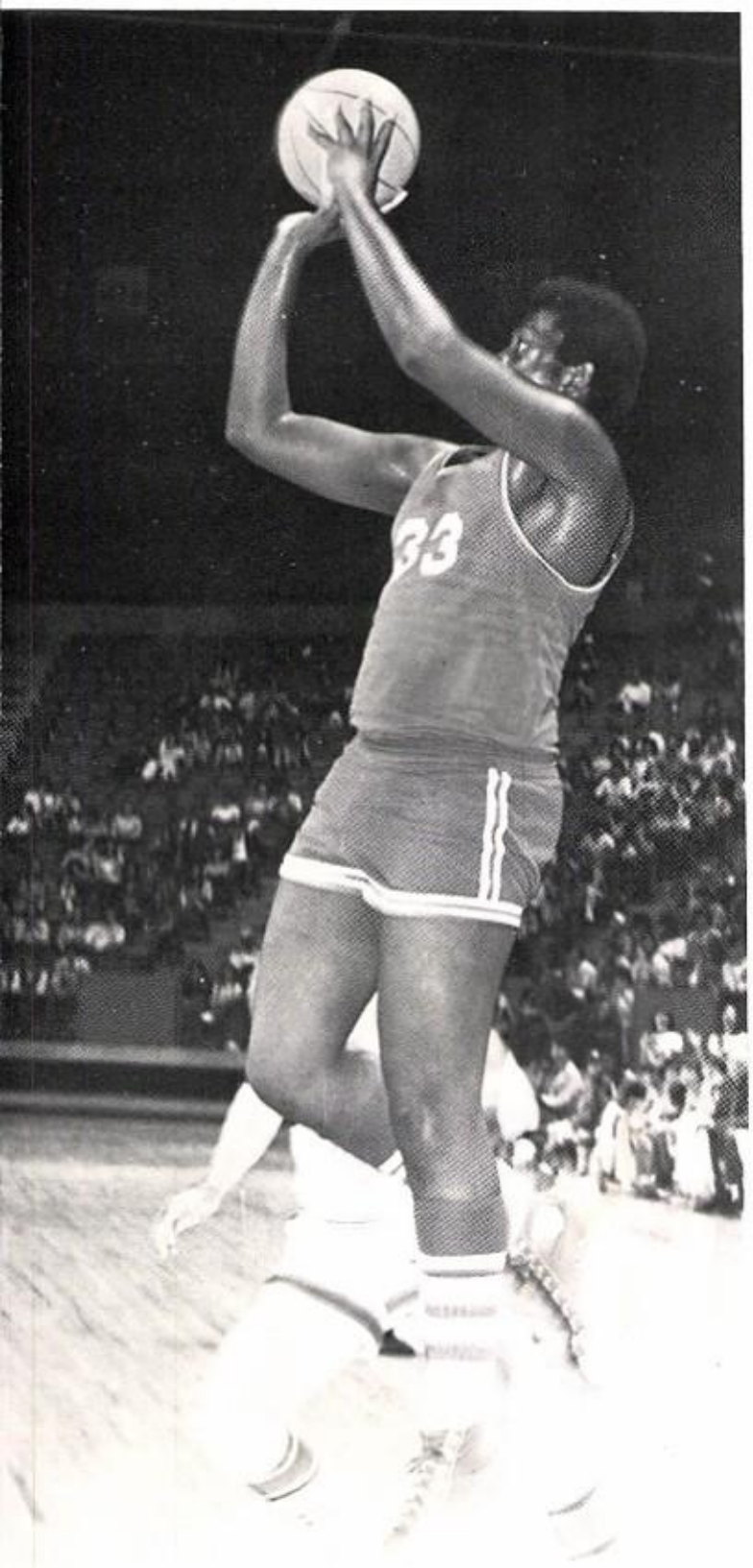
REGIONAL VICTORY IN CLASS AA

A team's traditional tribute to their coach followed the victory of the Prairiland Patriots over the Van Vandals for the Region II title, as Mark Weir sits atop the shoulders of his team.

CITY DRUG STORE
Deport, Texas

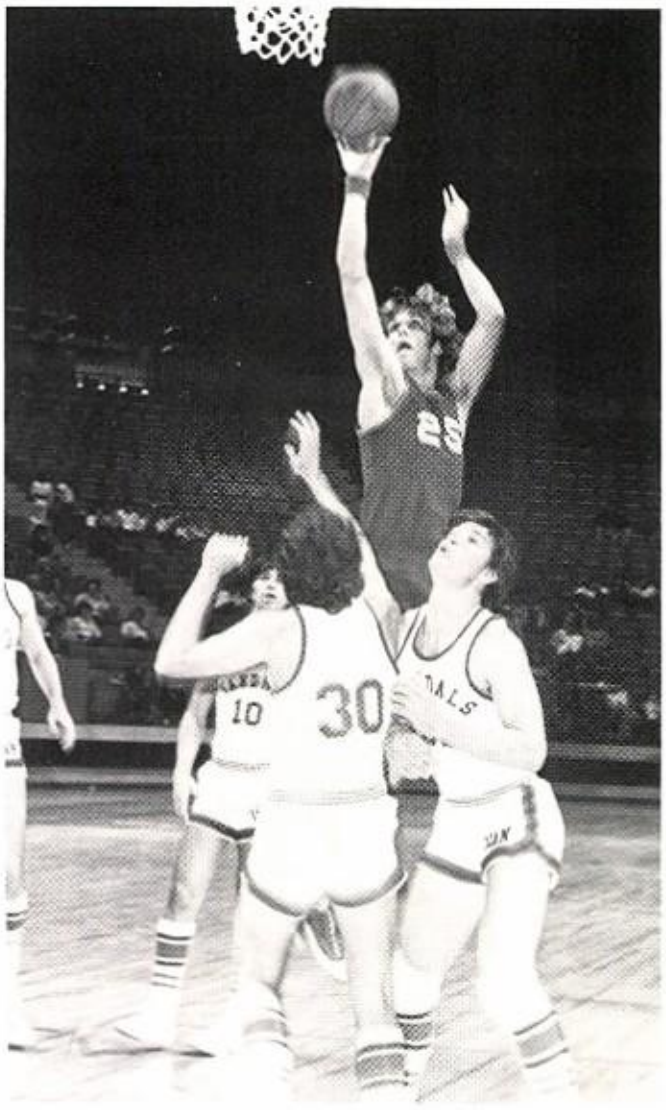


Brad Hudson scores 18 points in the game against the Van Vandals.



PATRIOTS DEFEAT
ROCKWALL 63-47
AND
VAN 52-48
TO WIN REGION 2-A

Tommy Dowdy - Left



Tom Ray up for two.

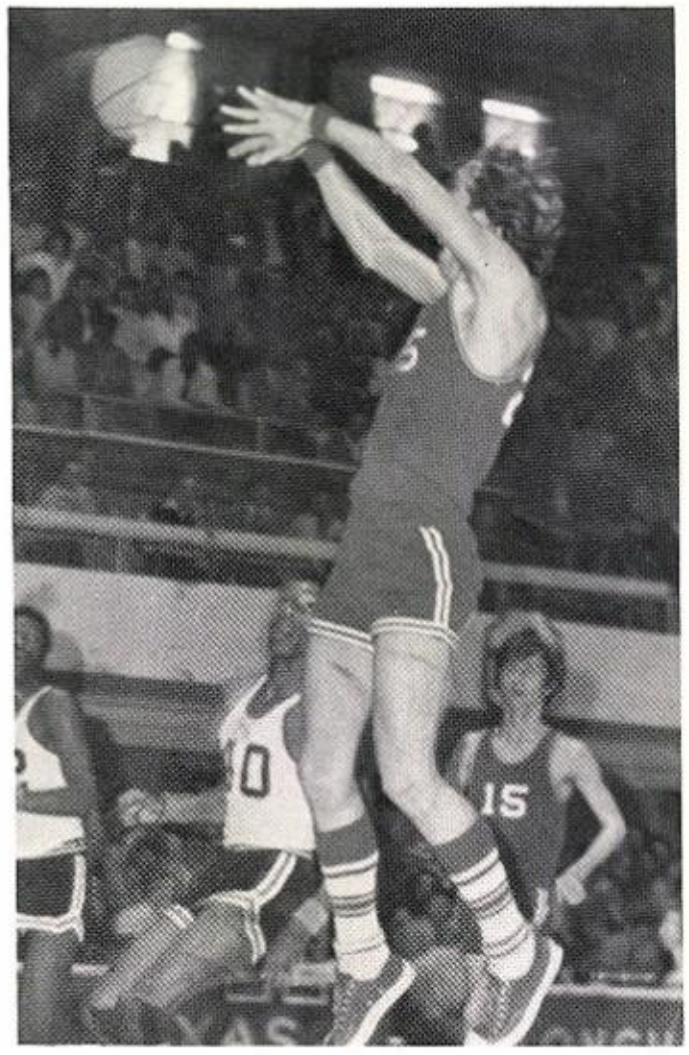
PATRIOTS AT STATE BASKETBALL TOURNEY

Out of over 200 Class AA schools in Texas, Prairiland was one of the four teams honored and privileged to go to the State Tourney in Austin March 5, where they met the Morton Indians and were defeated 69-56.

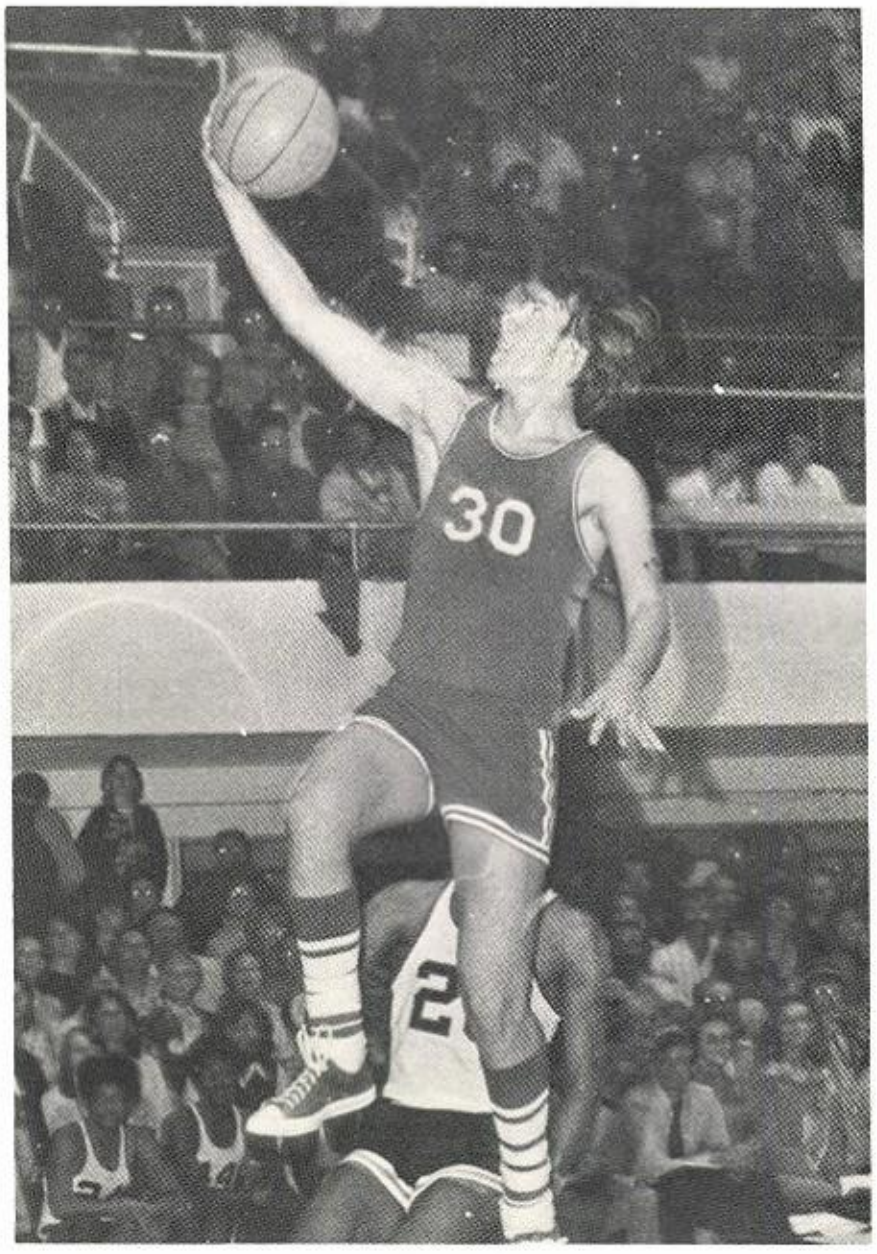
SEASON RECORD
DISTRICT AND NON-DISTRICT

	OPP.	
PATRIOTS		
Detroit	62	56
Roxton	62	61
Clarksville	48	77
Roxton	69	63
Clarksville	55	75
Roxton	47	54
West Lamar	39	58
North Lamar	76	63
Honey Grove	50	73
West Lamar	72	80
Clarksville	46	67
North Lamar	71	79
Detroit	68	64
Mt. Pleasant	45	71
Rivercrest	49	59
Honey Grove	47	51
Commerce	62	56
Rains	58	94
Winnsboro	49	68
Mt. Vernon	45	78
Rivercrest	52	60
North Lamar	59	52
Quitman	44	45
Commerce	53	57
Rains	42	105
Winnsboro	59	63
Mt. Vernon	52	78
Rivercrest	60	61
North Lamar	54	64
Quitman	58	60

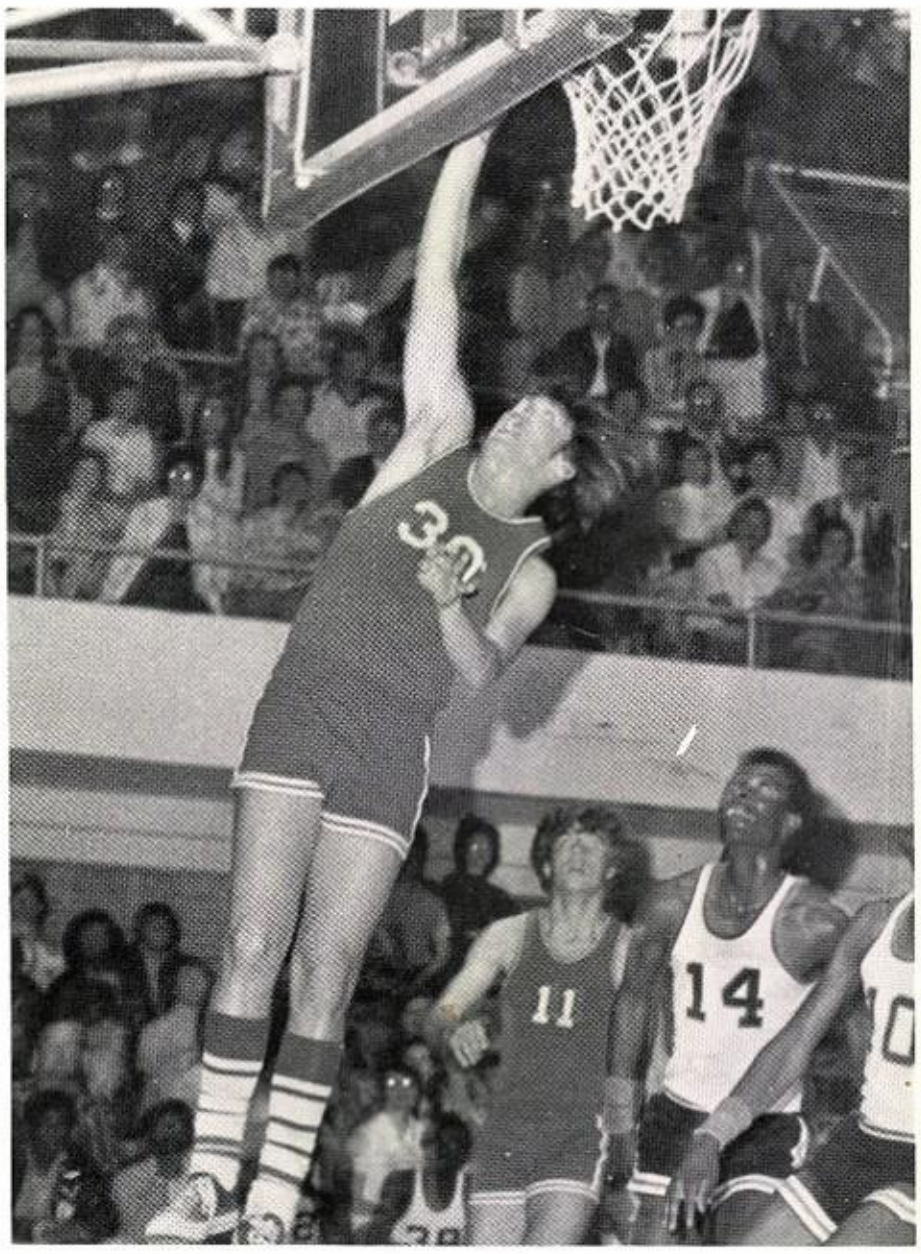
BI-DISTRICT		
Pewitt	57	58
REGIONAL		
Rockwall	47	65
Van	48	52



Tom Ray attempts to pass the ball in the state competition against the Morton Indians. Looking on is Scot Wolfe. (above)



Brian Burks grabs a rebound. (above)



Brian Burks adds two points for the PATRIOTS. Also pictured is Brian Mullins. (above)

ALL THE WAY

Throughout the season miles have been travelled by Prairiland supporters and fans. The above picture shows only a portion of the 500 who showed up for the Regional play-off in Denton "Super Pit," February 28th.

Our Cheerleaders

Kelly Bailey
Cindy Berry
Marla Cotham
Sherry Logsdon
Patti Gribble

Go All The Way
"Watch out, we're
here
So everybody stand
clear."

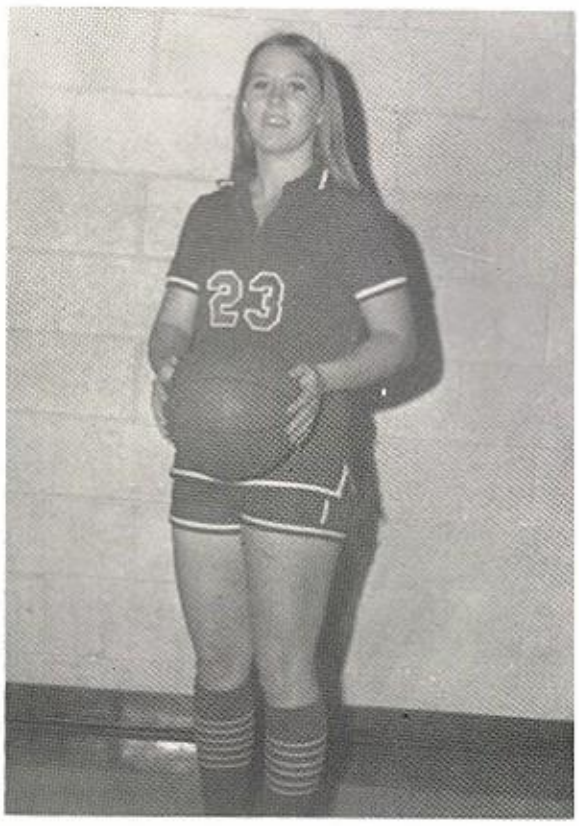
Debbye White

Beverly Blackburn

Lisa Dawson

Coach George Stephens

Merita Martin



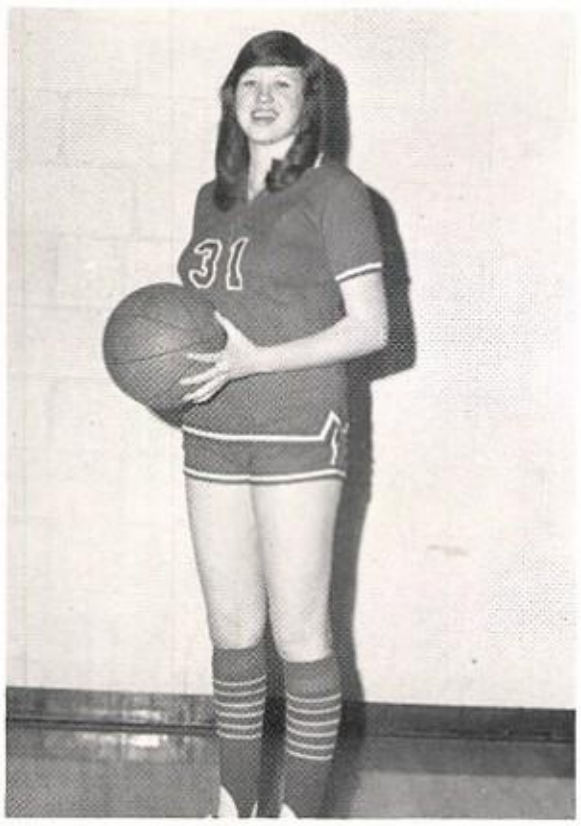
LaFawn Woodall

Tina Gibson

T. H. GLOVER, M.D., Deport, Texas

Beverly Johnston

Shelly Barnard



Alice White

Nita Skidmore - Manager

Susan Webb

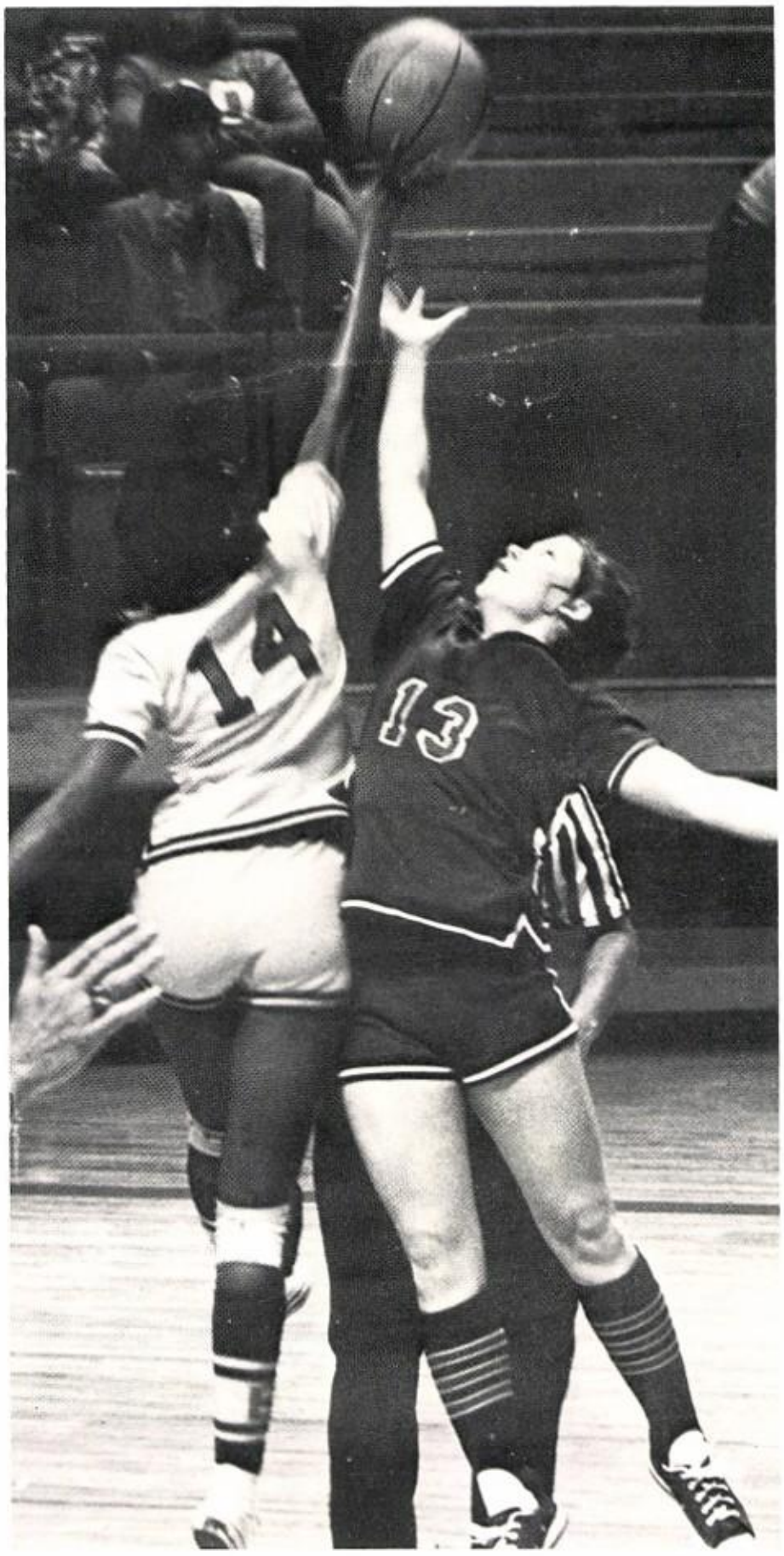
Fran McKnight

Sherry Gibson

D. White fights to gain control of the ball. L. Woodall looks on.

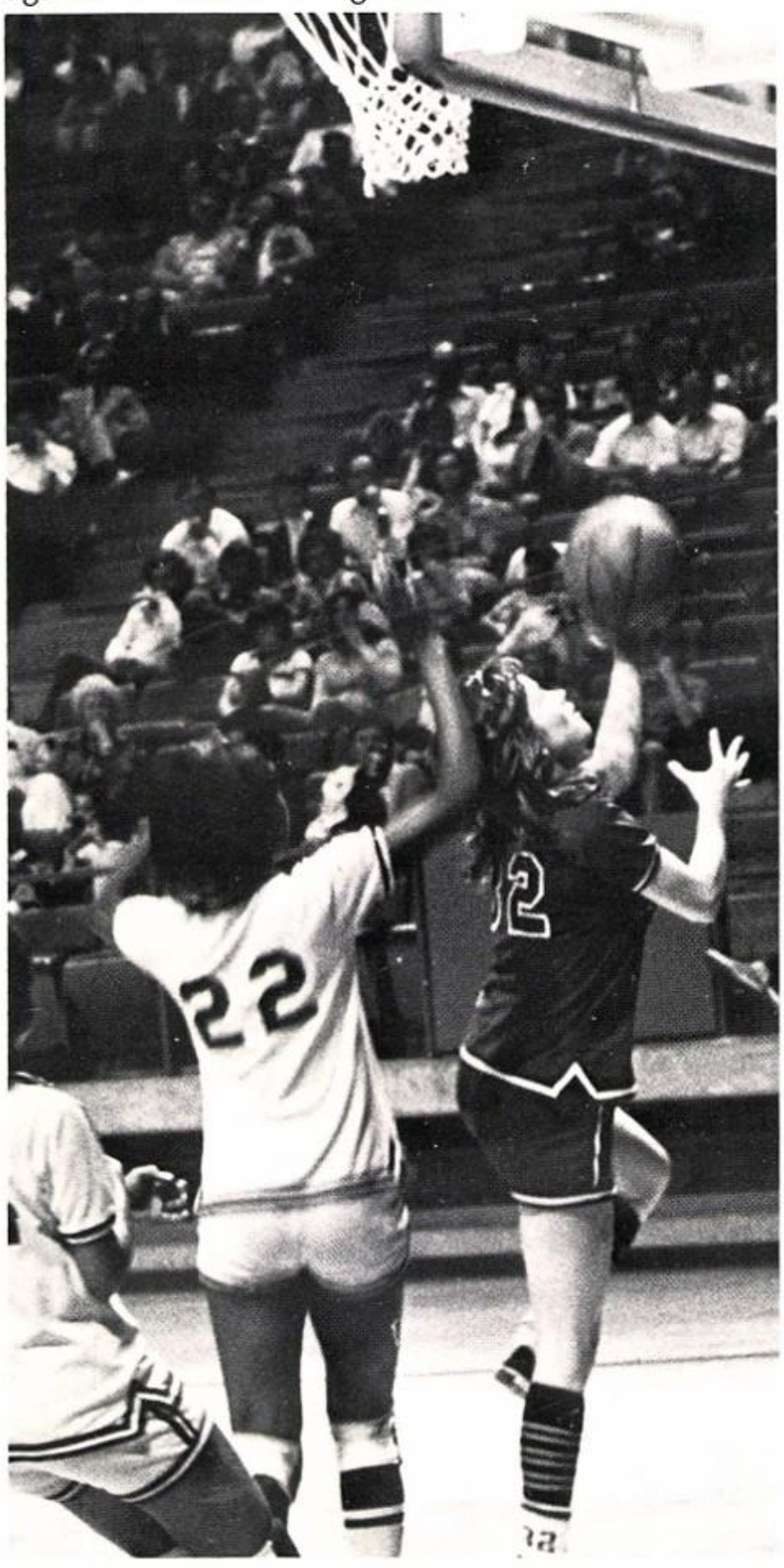
L. Dawson races up court in regional play.

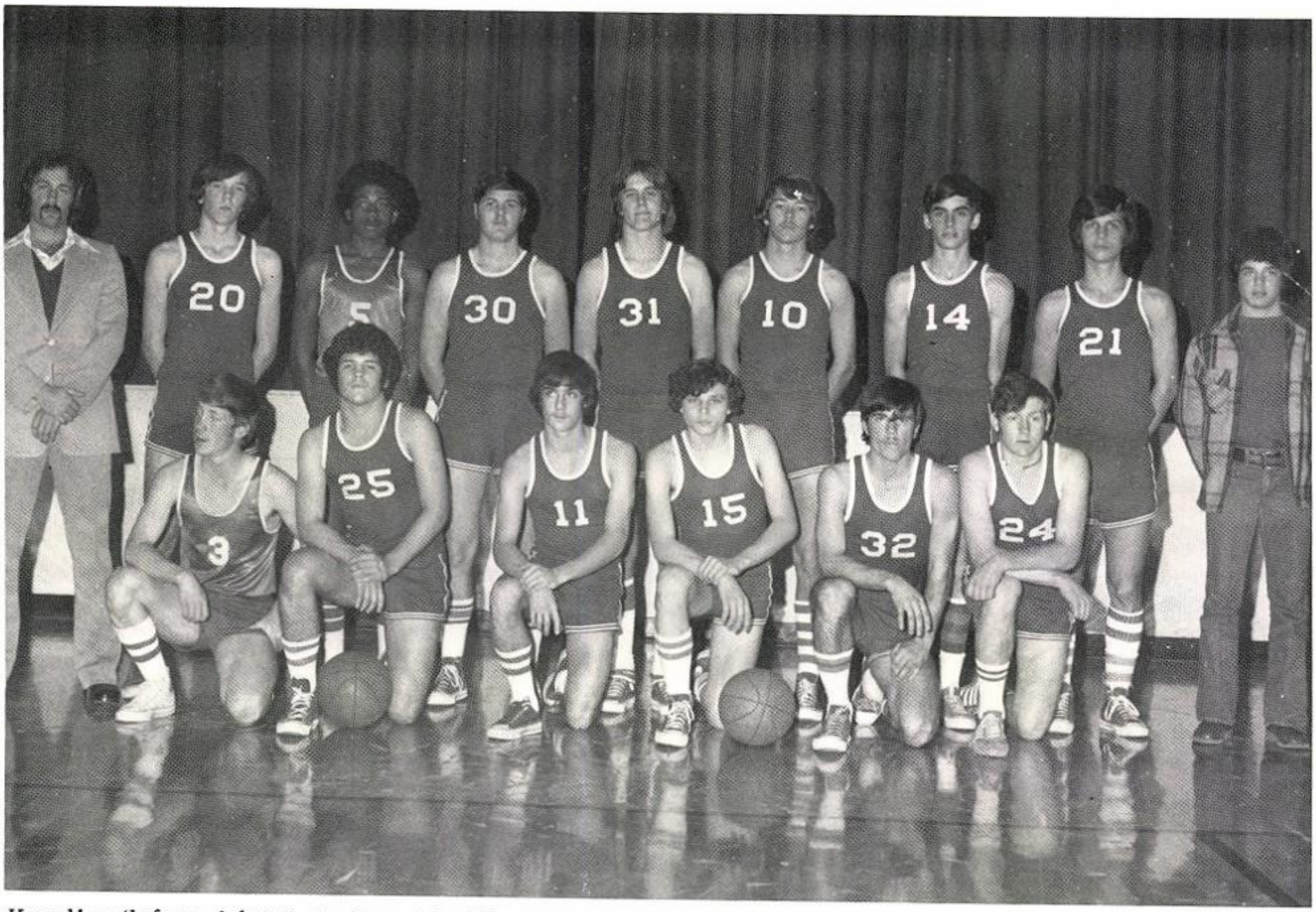
S. Barnard gets tip for Patriots as S. Webb, F. McKnight look on.



T. Gibson goes up for the tip against Brownsboro in regional competition.

B. Blackburn goes under the goal for a hookshot against Brownsboro in regional action.

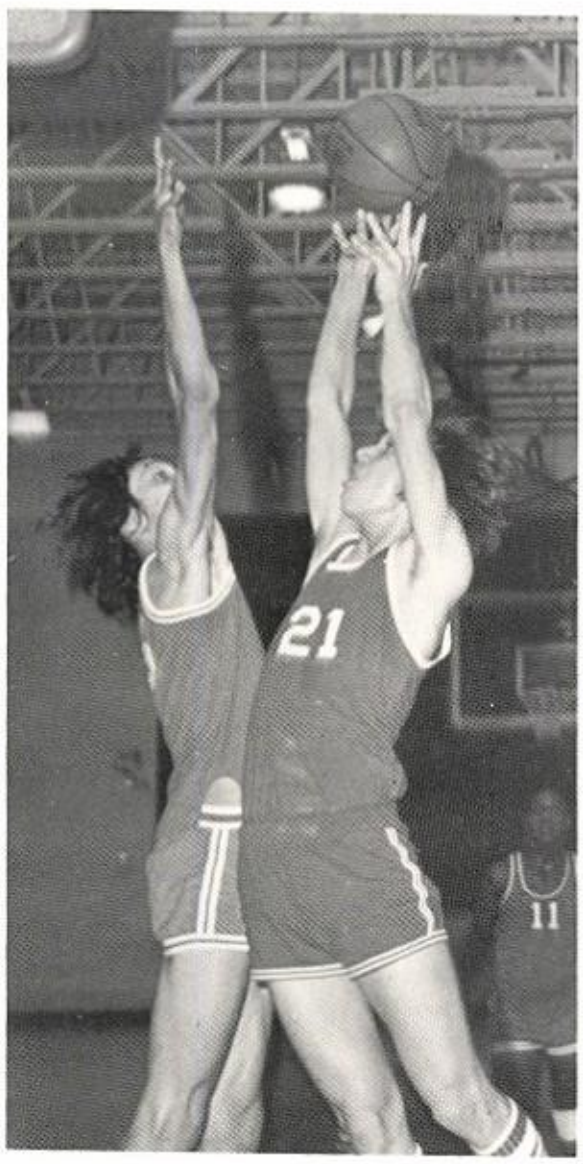


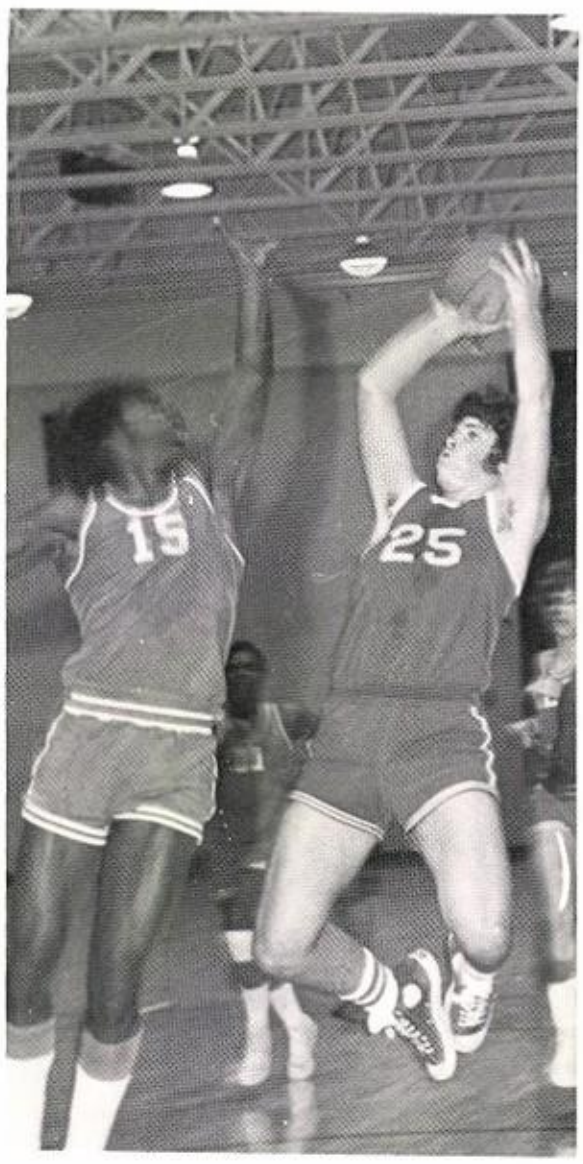


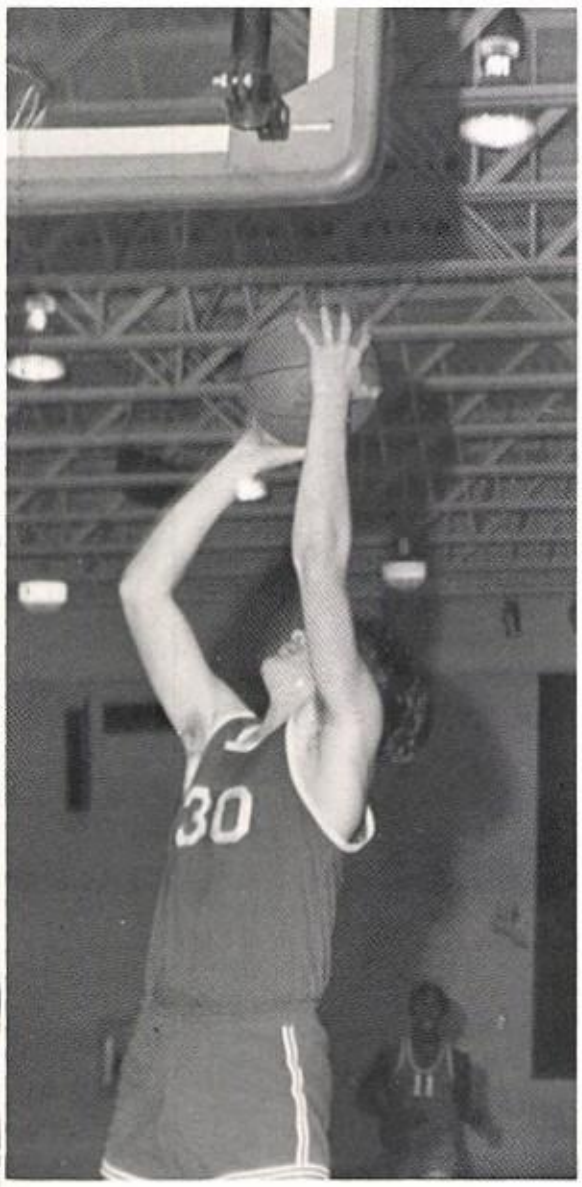
Kneeling (left to right) S. Jenkins, M. Allen, T. Dunn, J. Webb, T. Mullins, M. Bates. Standing (left to right) Coach Mark Weir, D. Harbison, J. Williams, K. Wright, C. Kennedy, L. Merritt, B. Roberson, J. Barnes, Manager Dickie Davis.

2. Jeff Barnes sticks in a basket against Commerce.

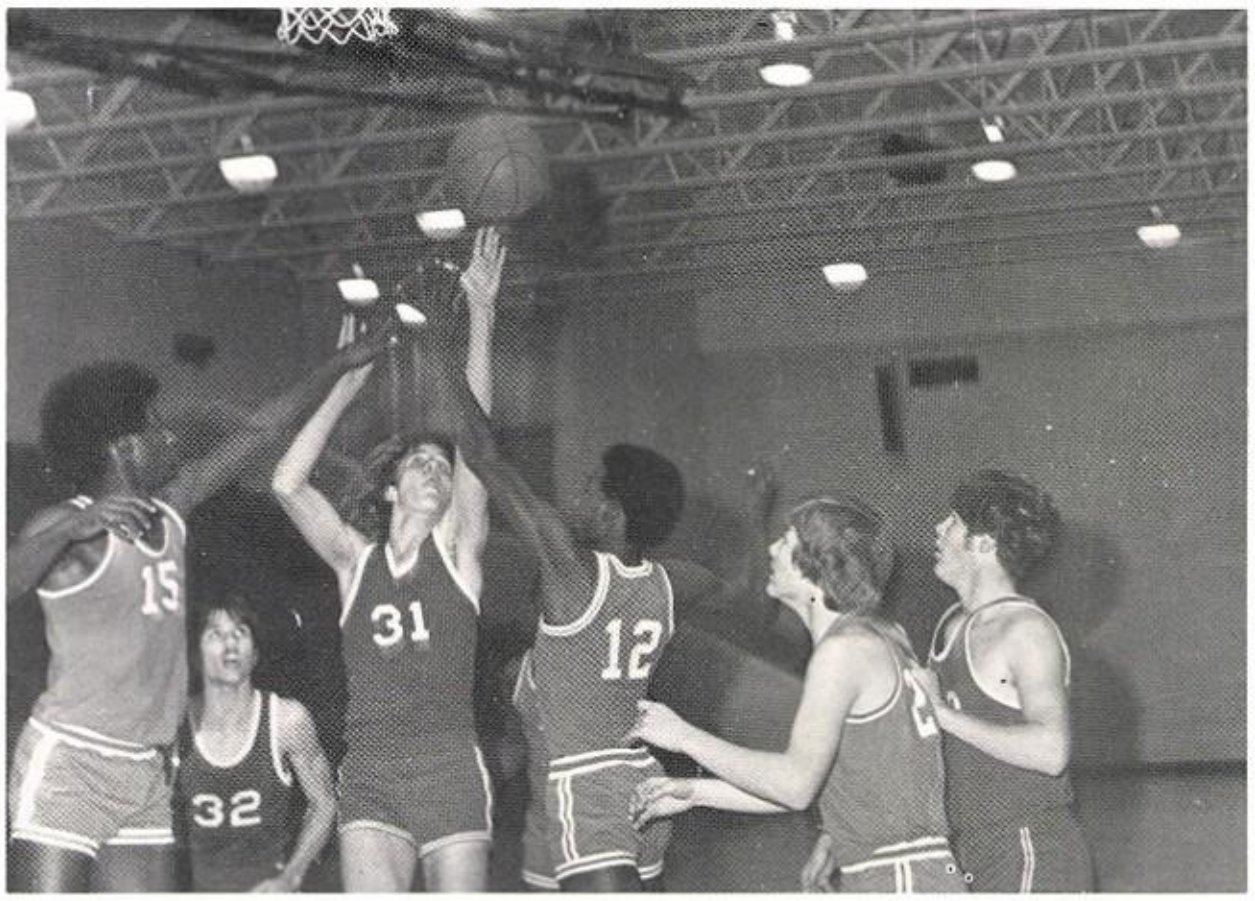
3. Mike Allen up with a jump shot for two more.





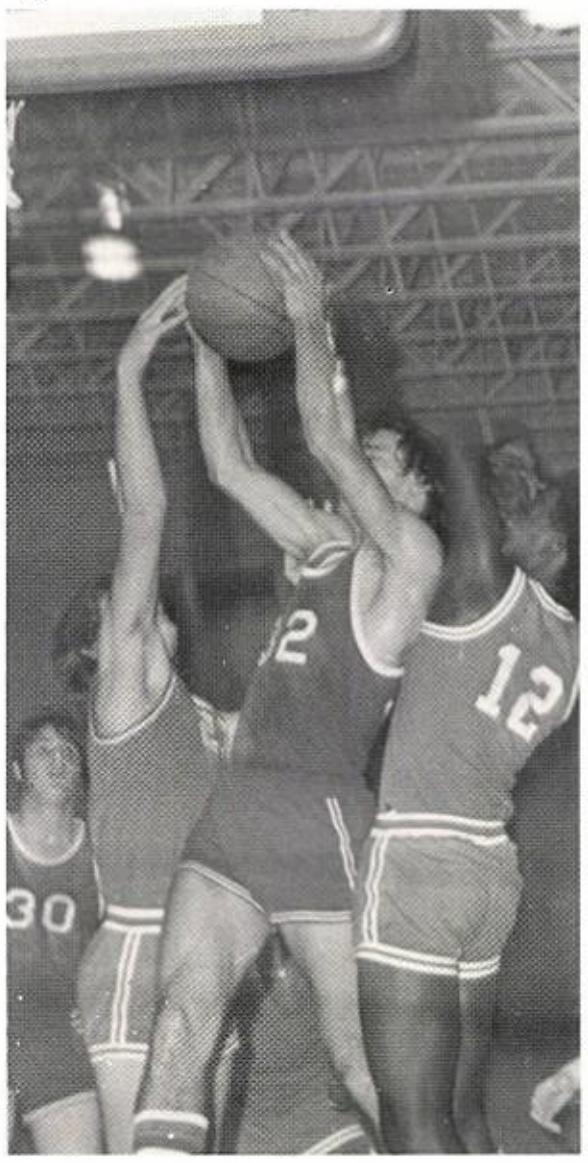


K. Wright goes in for an uncontested layup against Honey Grove.



C. Kennedy goes for two points while T. Mullins and K. Wright look on.

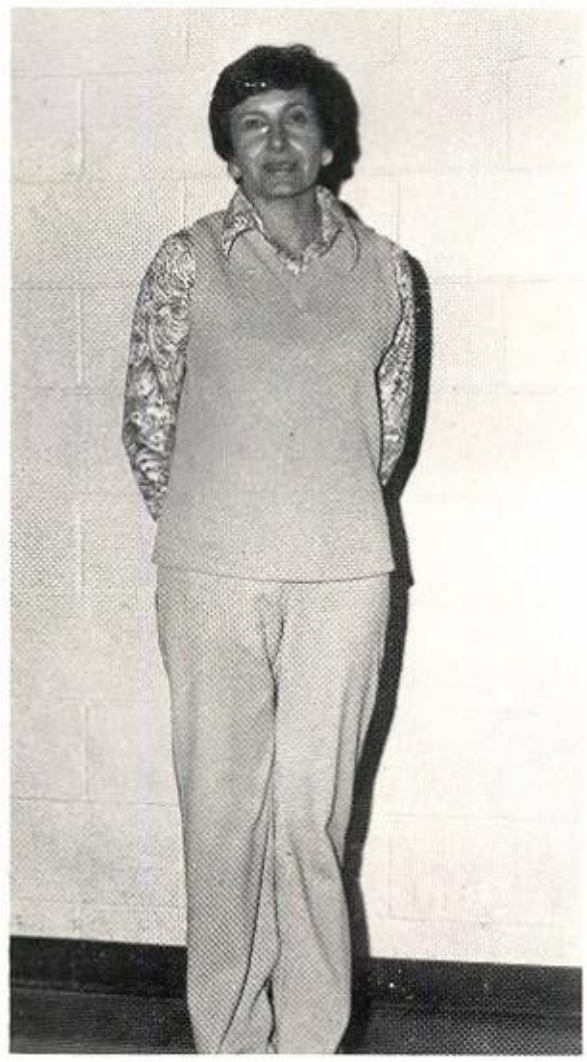
T. Mullins pulls down a rebound against Commerce.



Mike Allen shoots over a Commerce player while K. Wright and T. Mullins look on.

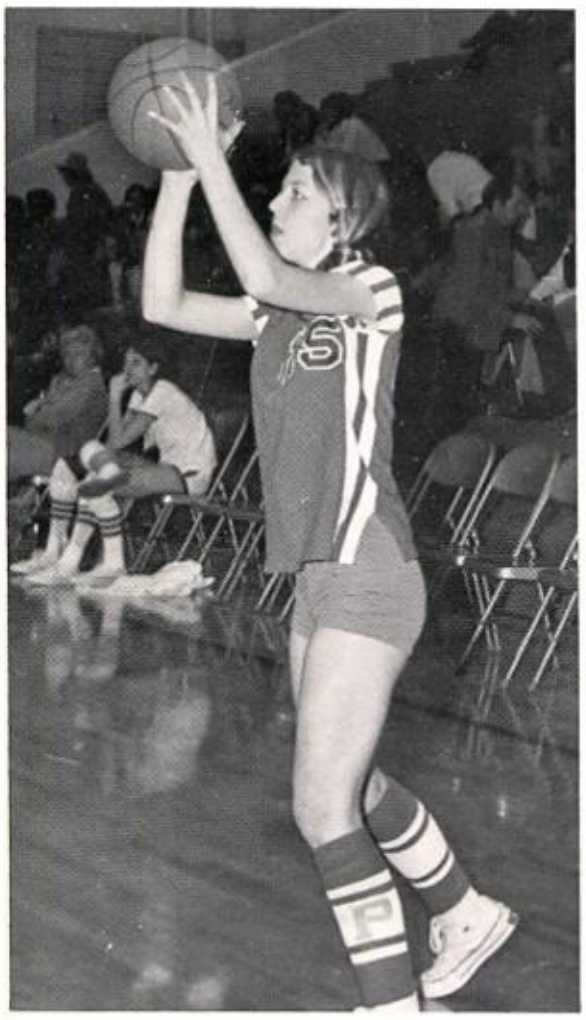
Martha McEntyre, Connie Newman, Donna Tully, Debbie Pasquill, Kim Klinkerman, Darla Igo, Cathy Stout, Jeri Box, Paula Sessums, Donna Dennis, Sherry Gibson, Yvonne Stout, Coach Monda Stephens and Coach George Stephens.

Amanda Barker - Manager

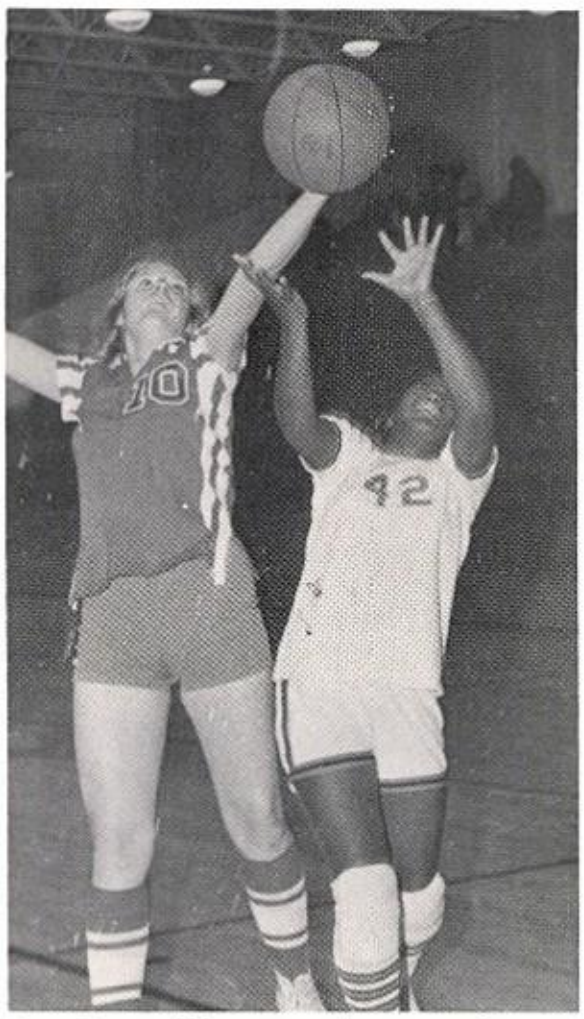


Assistant Coach - Mrs. Stephens

JR. VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL



D. Igo looks for two points.

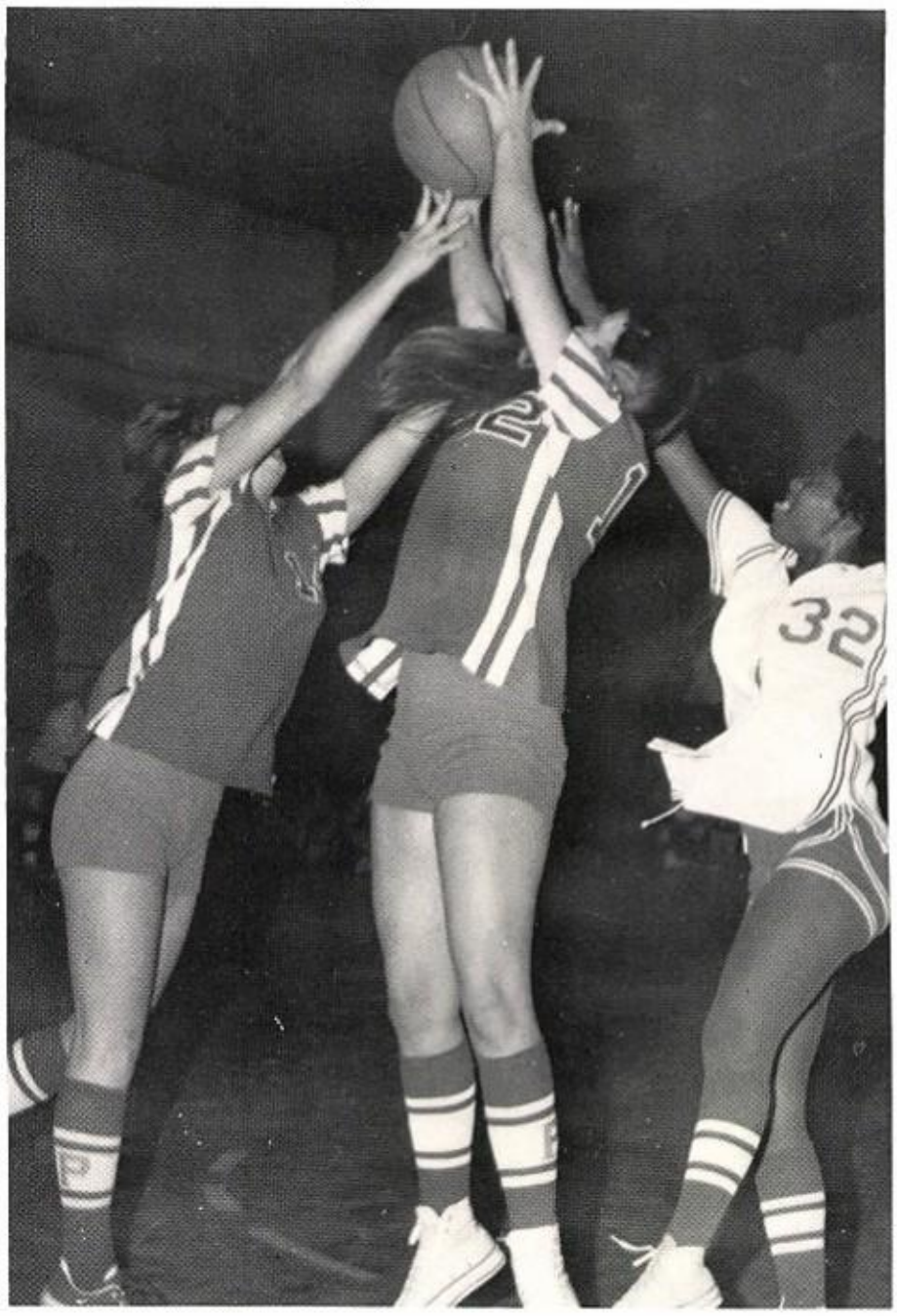


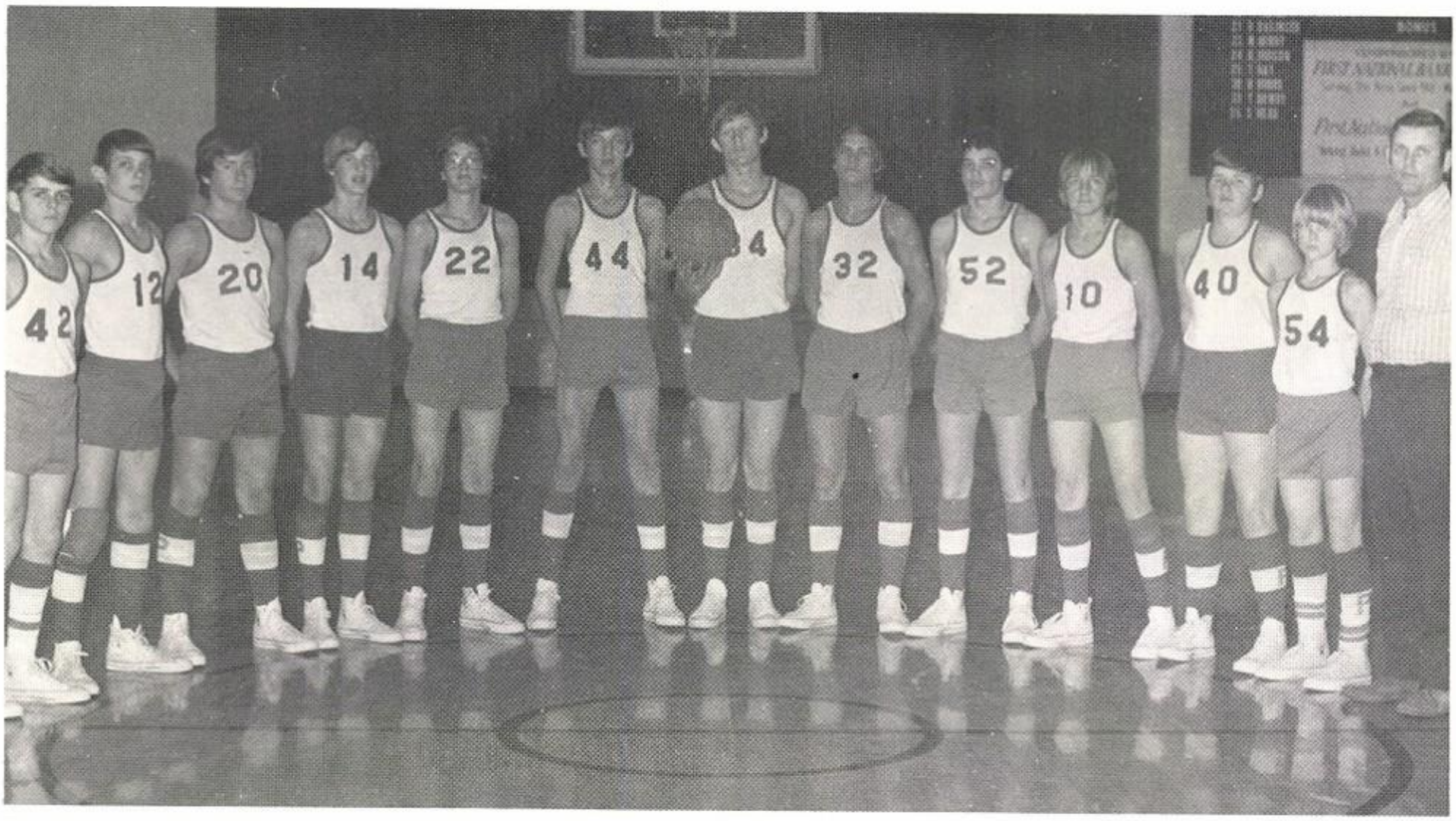
D. Pasquill goes for a rebound against Commerce.

The B-team girls coached by George Stephens and Monda Stephens compiled a record of 29 wins and 1 loss. Probably the highlight of the year was the defeat of the North Lamar Varsity girls in the Prairiland Tournament. Their drive and spirit really helped in making this the Year of the Patriots.

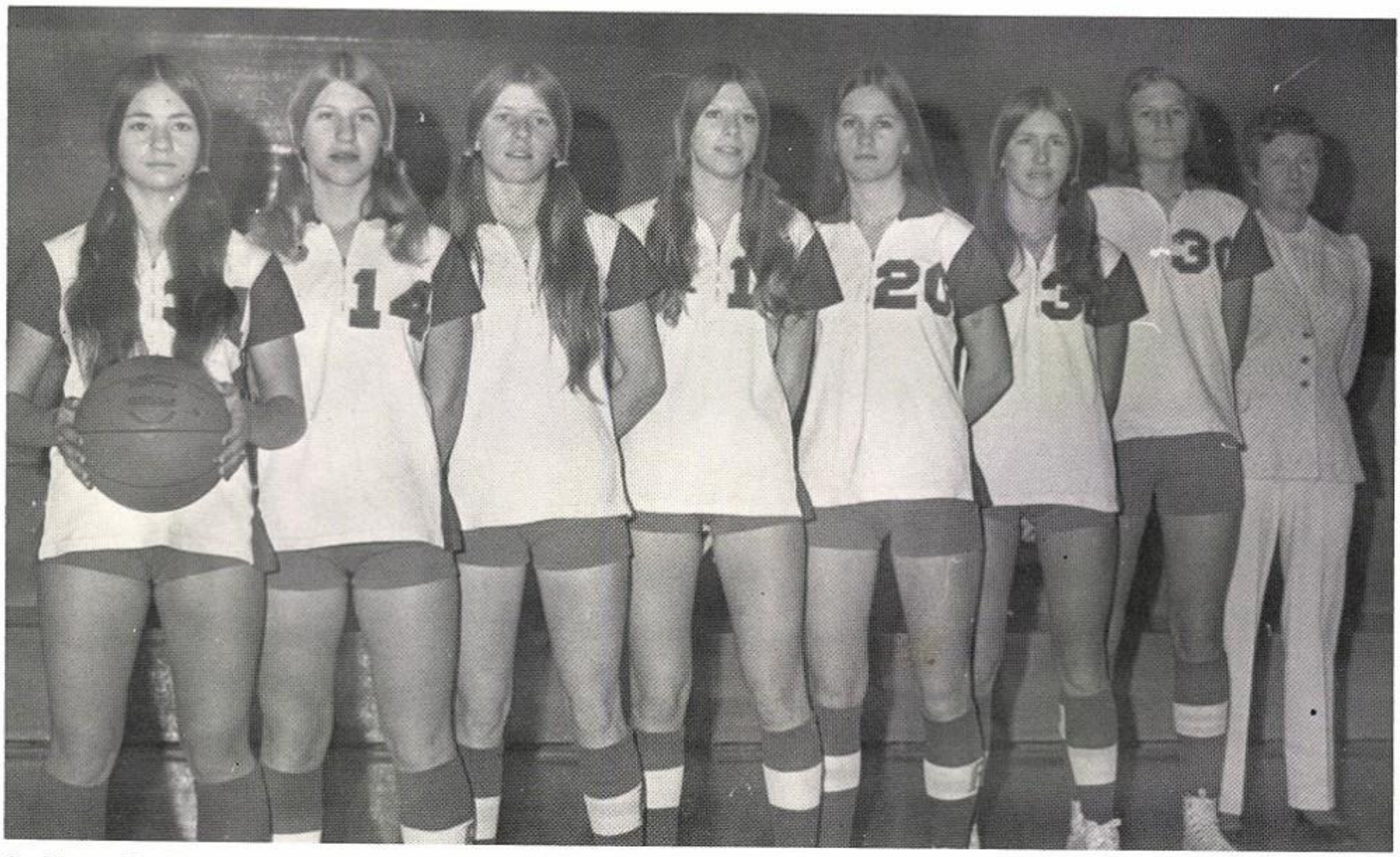
C. Newman takes the ball from a Winnsboro player.

Sherry Gibson and M. McEntyre go for a rebound in a game against Detroit.





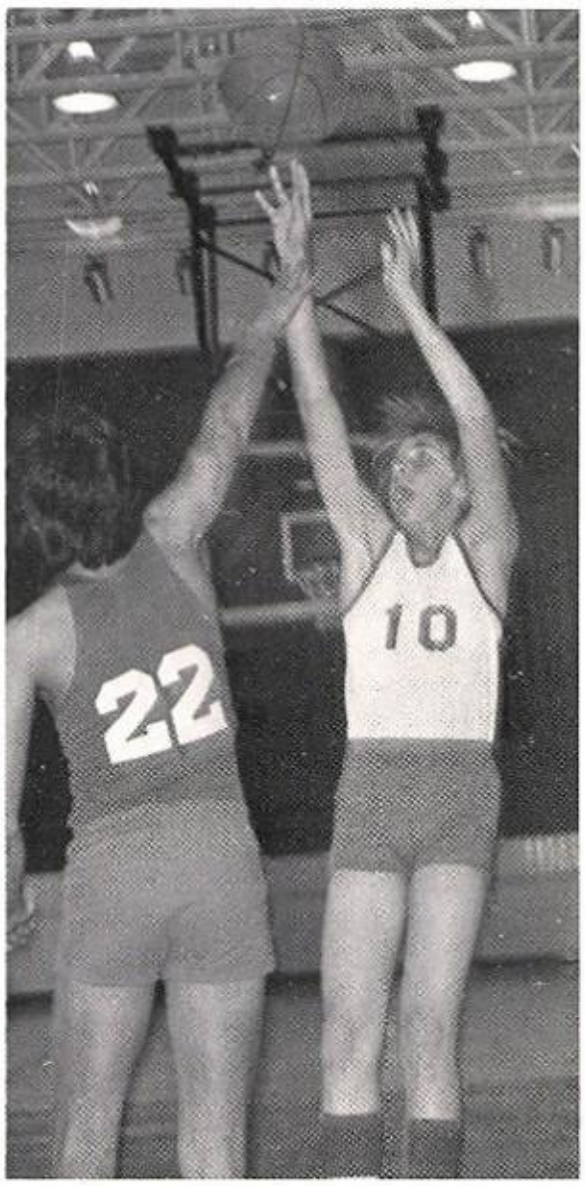
D. Sessums, M. Gibsons, D. Pasquill, K. Klinkerman, T. Malone, T. Stephens, M. Smith, R. Rhodes, T. Russell, S. Wright, M. Stout, D. Downs, Coach Larry Salter.



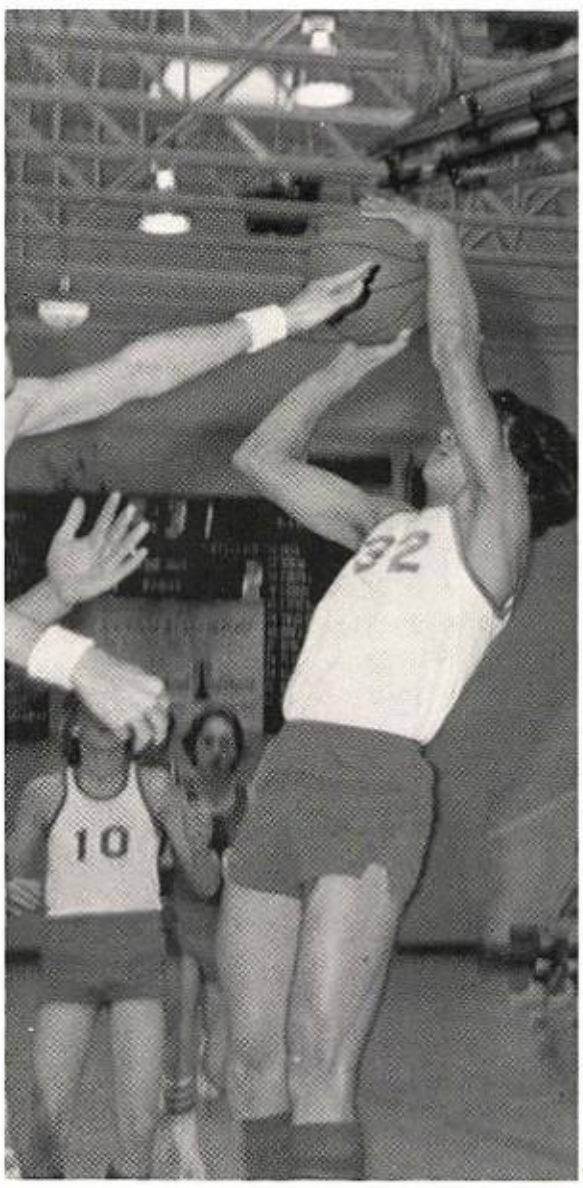
S. Ham, T. Groves, C. Sessums, P. Barnett, R. Woodall, T. Baughn, C. Basinger, Coach Monda Stephens.

FRESHMAN SNAPSHOTS

WOW! Look at that form. T. Stephens and T. Malone

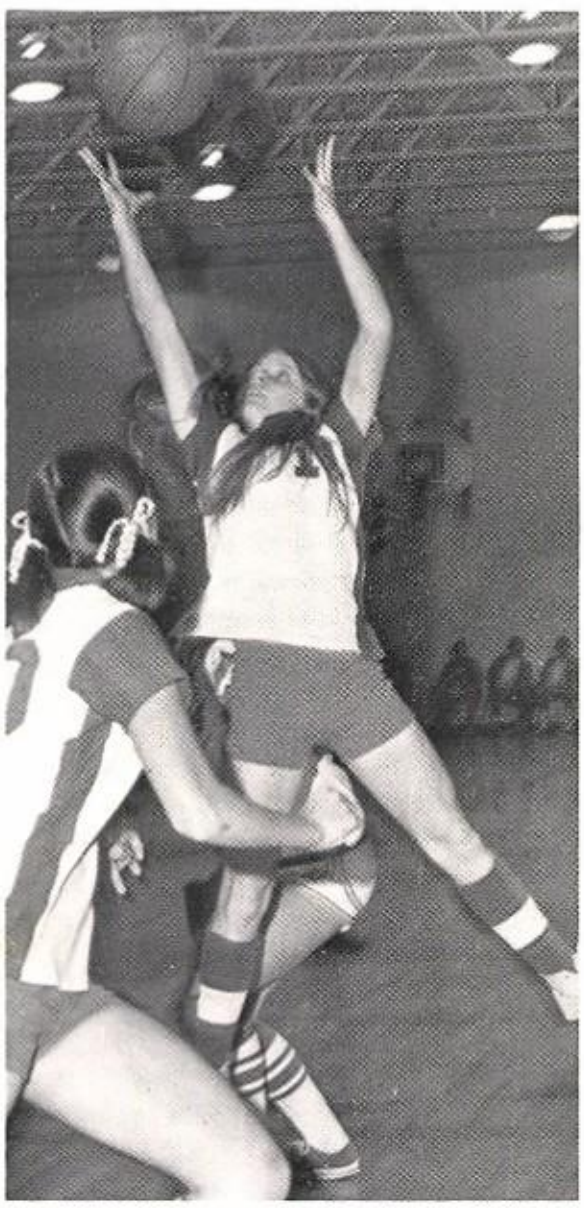


"Two on one. S. Wright

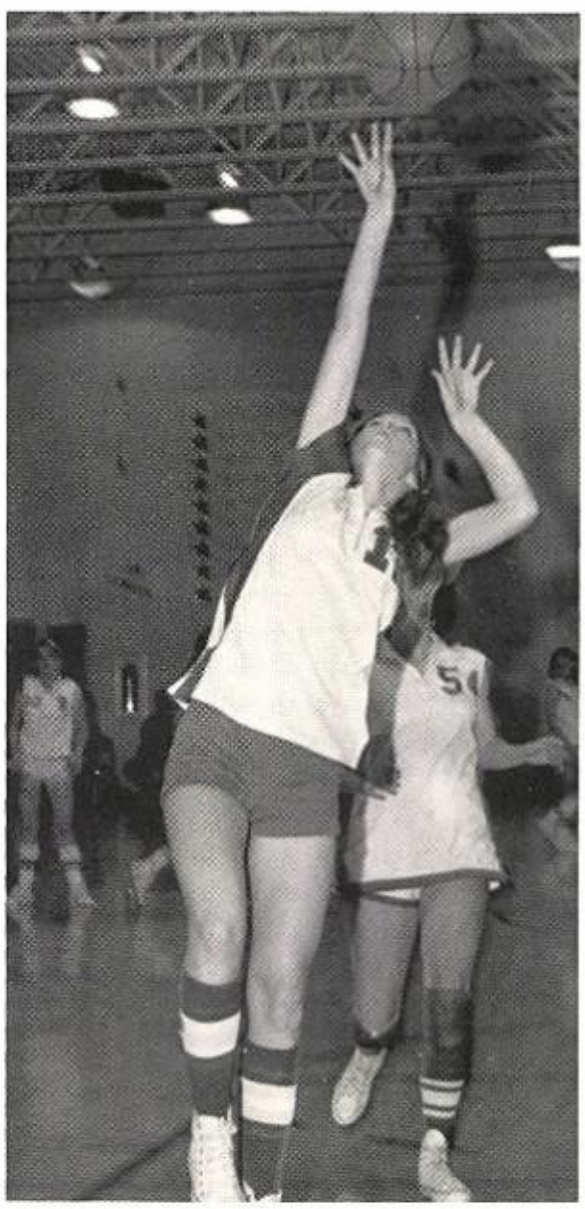


Two more points. R. Rhodes and S. Wright.

Sink it Coralea, Sink it. C. Bassinger.

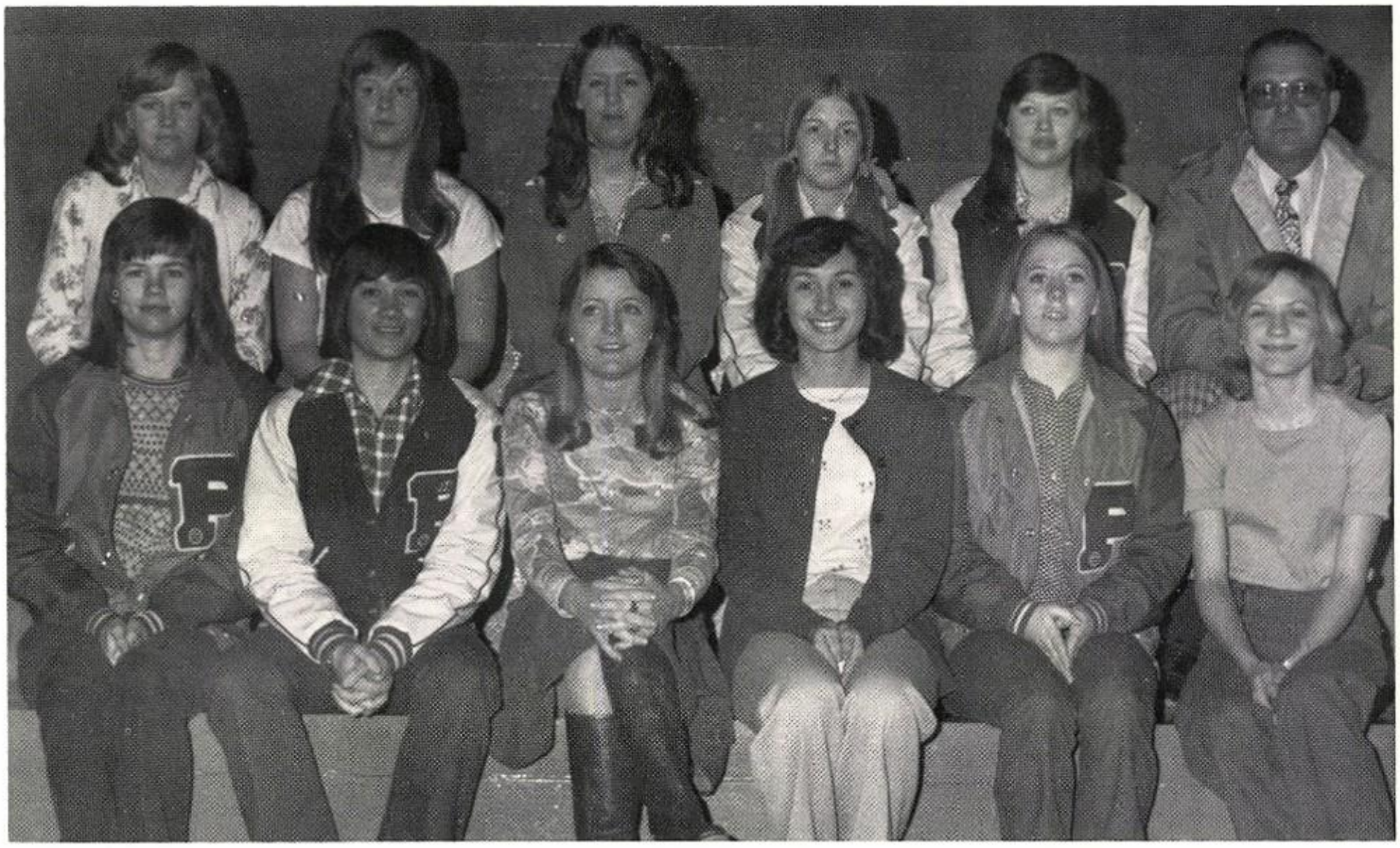


Up, up, and away! C. Sessums and C. Bassinger



Peggy drives in for two. P. Barnett

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL



B. Blackburn, S. Barnard, B. Johnston, M. Cotham, L. Woodall, F. McKnight. Back row - D. Pasquill, C. White, Y. Stout, M. Martin, A. White, and Coach Stephens.

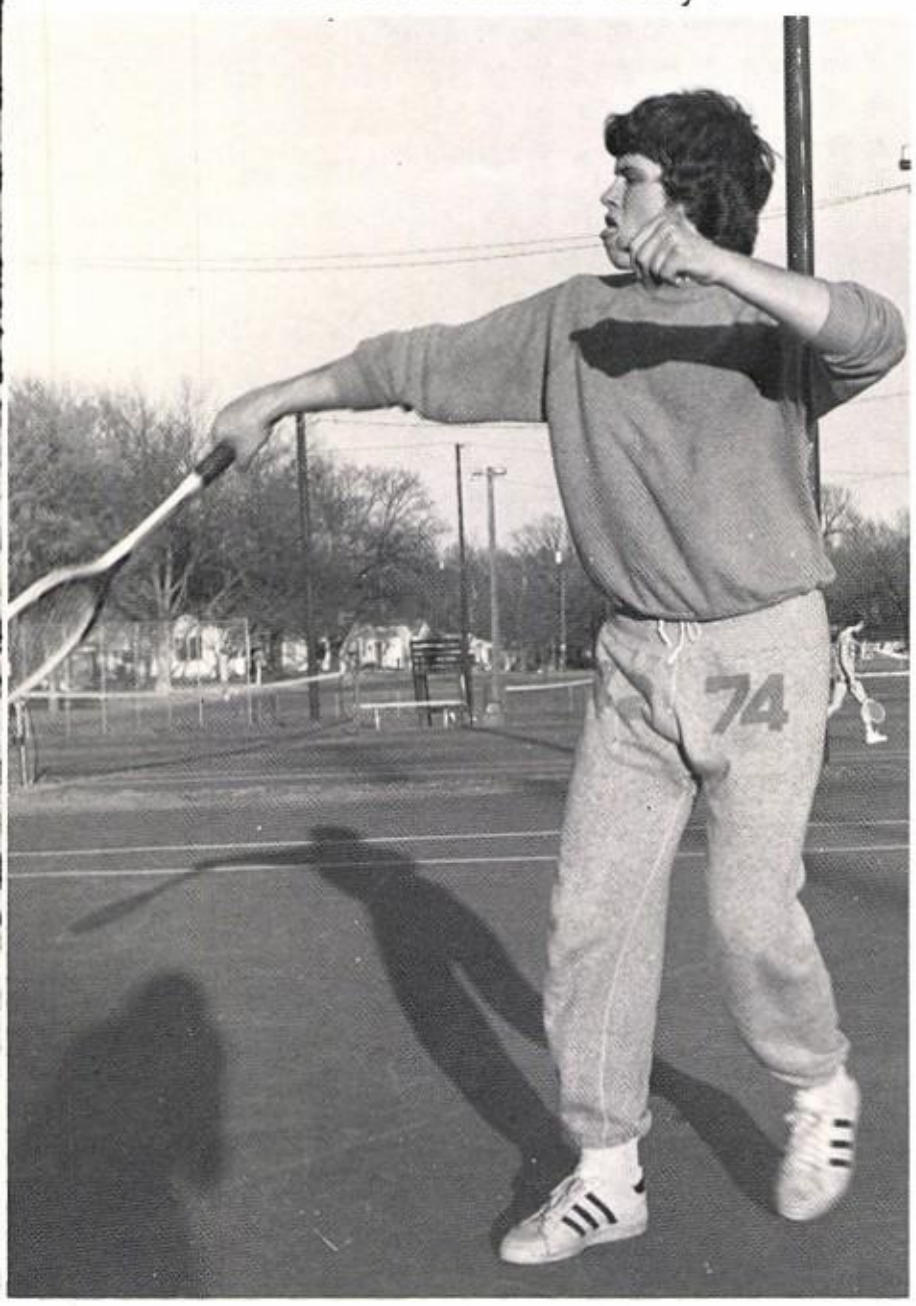
J.V. VOLLEYBALL

S. Webb, D. Dennis, W. Blount, P. Sessums, D. Tully. Back row - W. Dunn, V. Johnson, K. Klinkerman, R. Woodall.

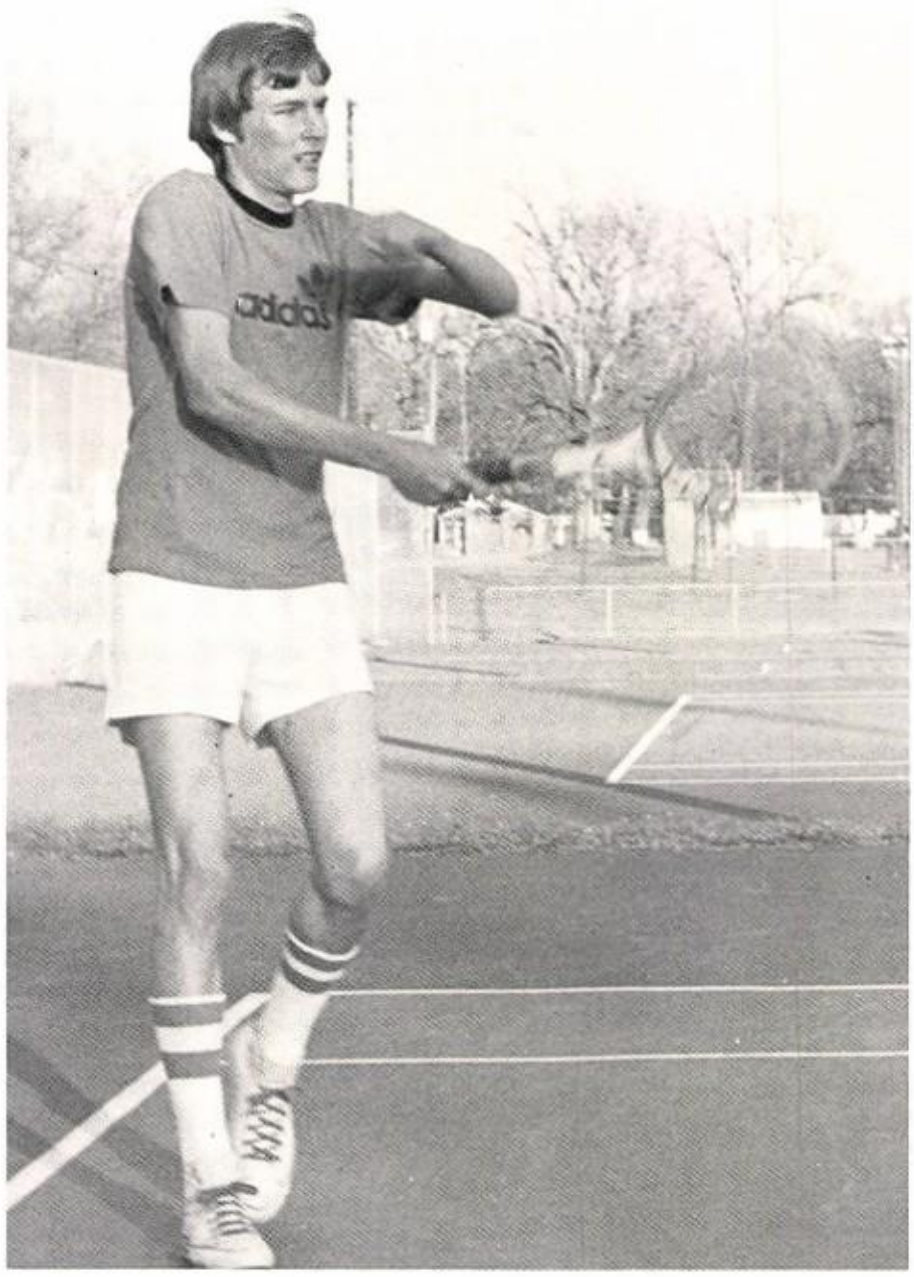
TENNIS

TENNIS TEAM: Bottom row (left to right) C. Stout, R. Merritt, L. Clarkson, P. Thomas, P. Grible. Second row (left to right) T. Malone, S. Gibson, K. Gifford. Back row (left to right) R. Russell, Coach Joan Woolridge.

Russell hits a backhand volley.



T. Malone shows us his forehand.

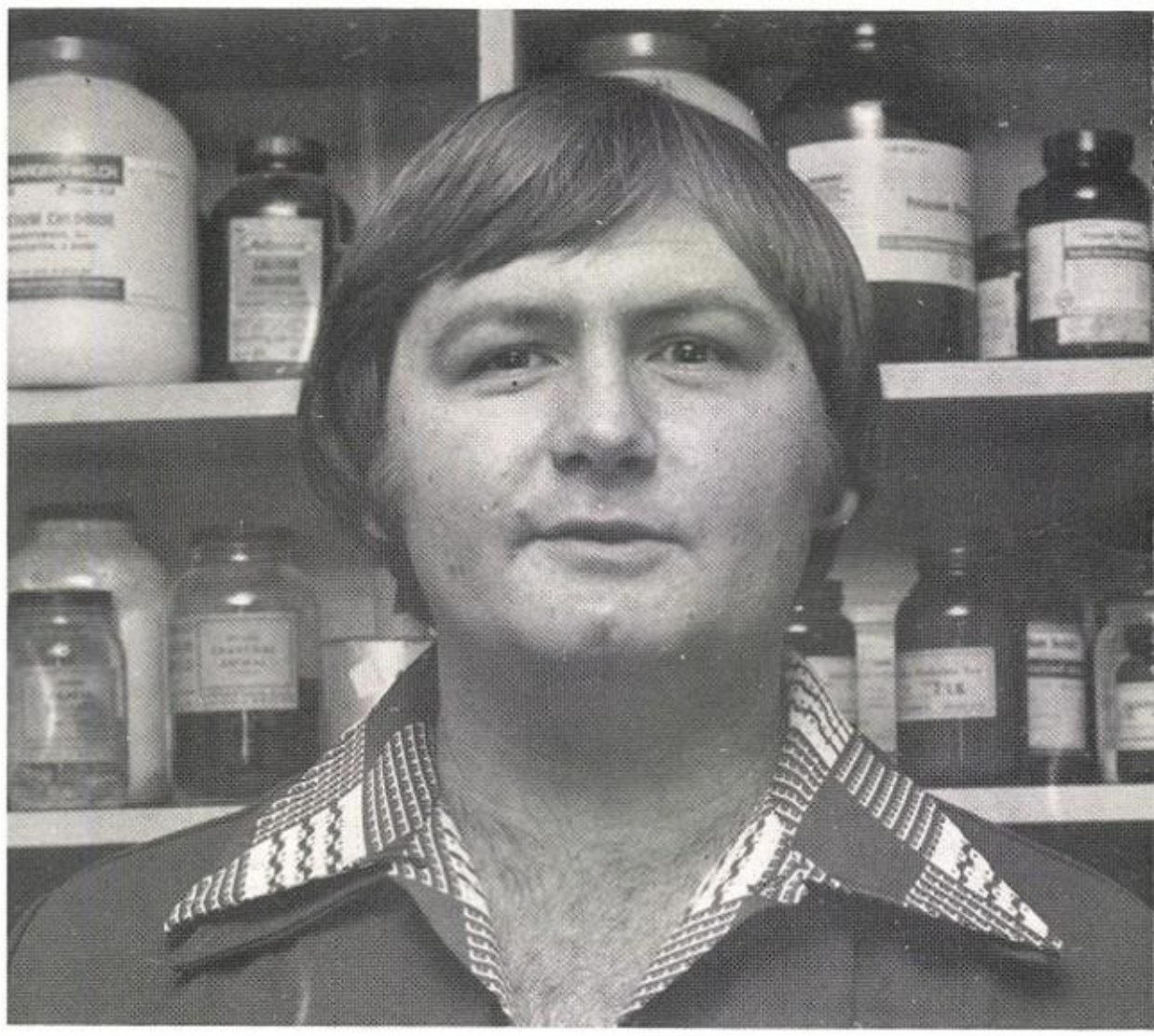


BASEBALL TEAM

Baseball: Left to Right - J. Barnes, D. Frazier, M. Fendley, M. Cotham, D. Harbison, M. Allen. Second Row: Left to Right - L. Merritt, R. Barnes, G. Crawford, G. Dicken, C. Kennedy, J. Moore, D. Parks. Third Row: Left to Right - L. Moore, A. Fraizer, S. Wright, D. Pasquil, M. Gibson. Coach John Aune.

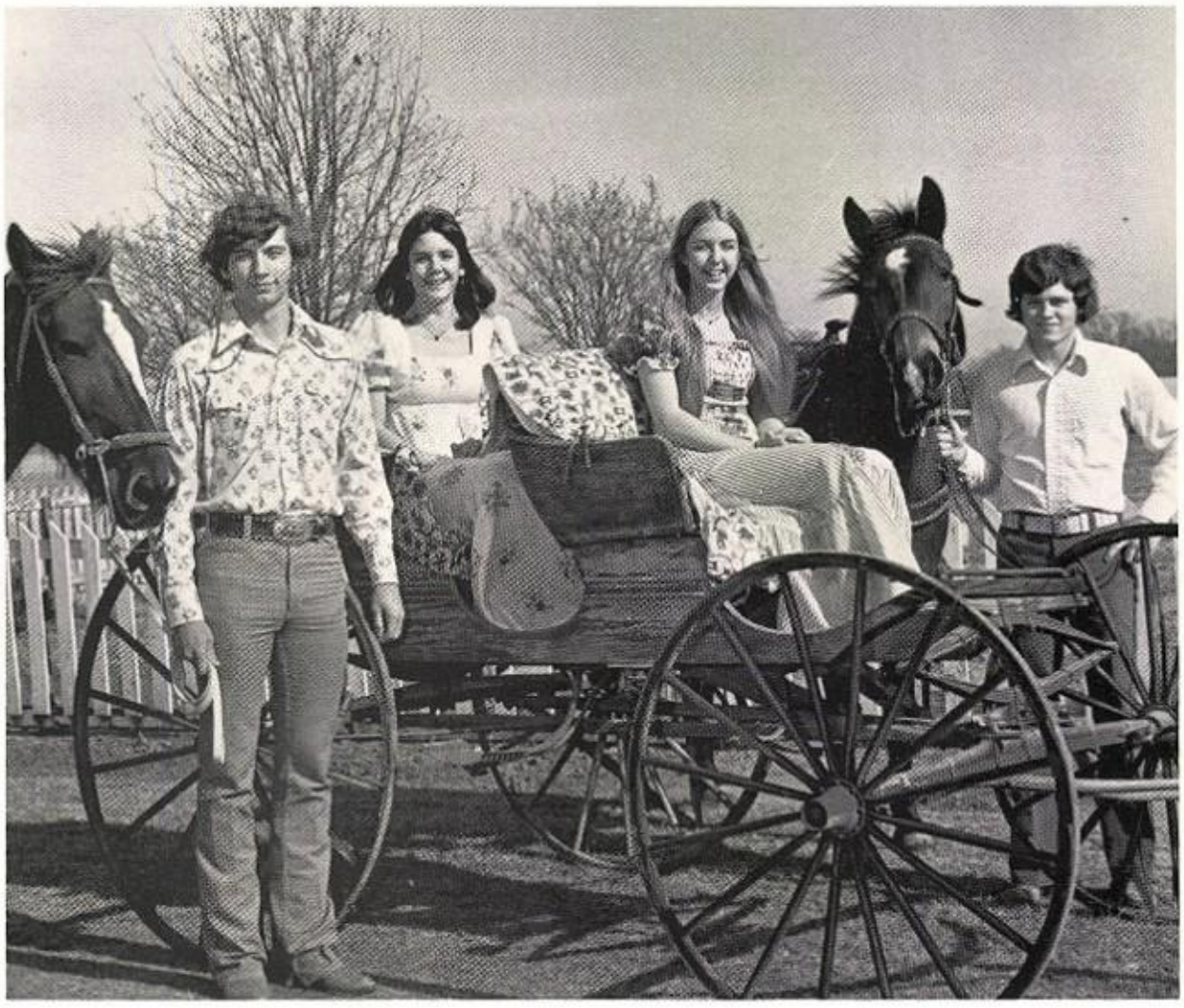
Coach John Aune has high hopes for his 76 Patriot Baseball team. He feels the team has a definite chance for district. Several pre-season games are scheduled plus the district games.

Coach John Aune
Head Baseball Coach



FAVORITES

CLASS FAVORITES



Bryan Mullins
Lisa Dawson
Merita Martin
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SENIORS

Gerry Ballard
Marla Cothom
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Brian Burks

Mike Allen
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Wyn Dunn
Chuck Kennedy

JUNIORS

Marvin Henry
Cindy Miller
Cindy Berry
Tom Ray

CLASS FAVORITES

Cathy Stout
Larry Outland
Debbie Pasquell
David Haley

SOPHOMORE

Martha McIntyre
Troy Dunn
Tina Gibson
Shawn Jenkins

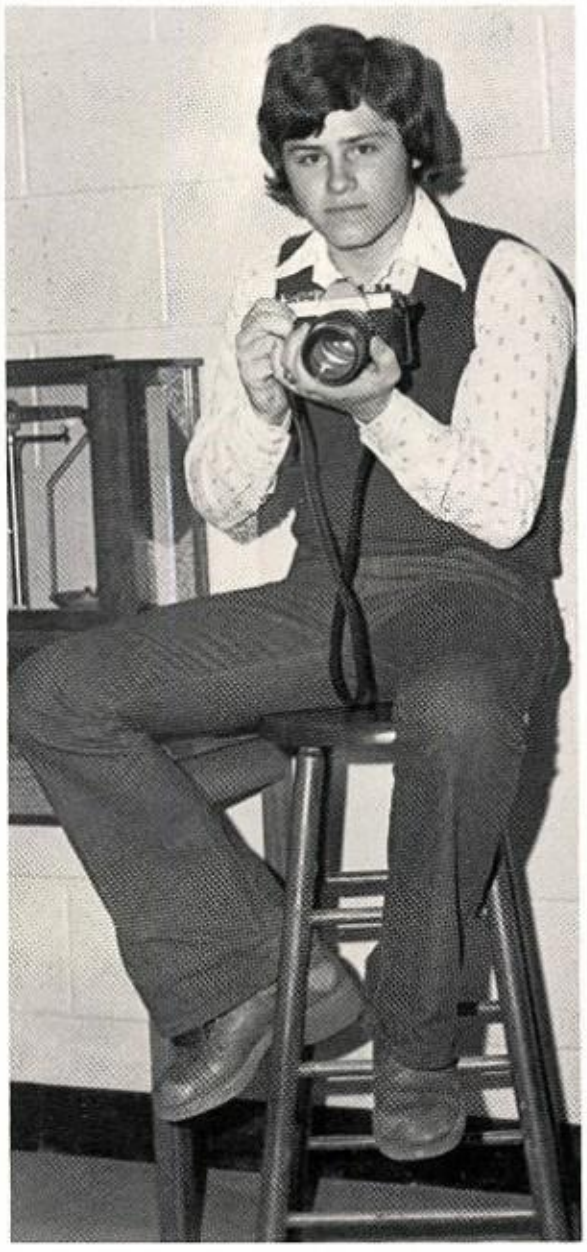
Peggy Barnett
Tony Malone
Scott Wright
Sandy Ham

FRESHMEN

Teresa Baughn
Darrell Sessums
Tammy Groves
Doug Winters

ROBERT RUSSELL

Jr. Class Pres., Fr. Class Pres., FFA Vice Pres.-Jr., Co-Advisor-Sr., Student Council Rep.-Fr. and Soph., Class Favorite-Four Years, Varsity Football (guard and linebacker) - Two Years, FFA Public Speaking Contest, District FFA Officer, State Land Judging



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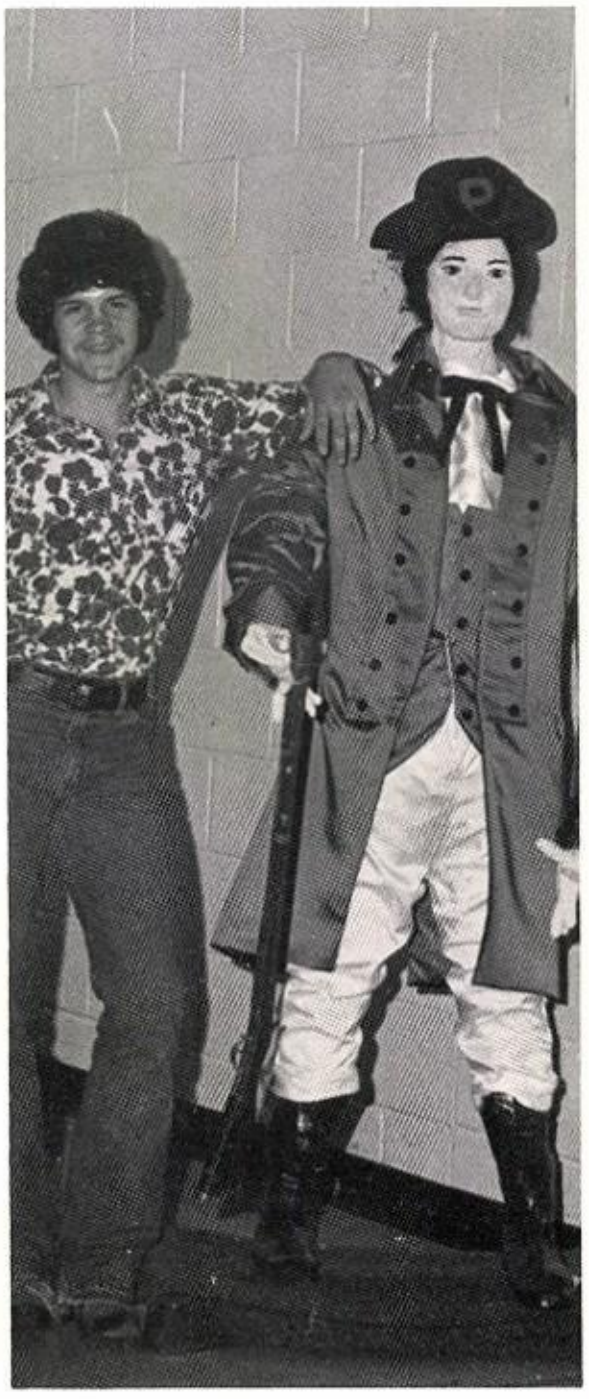
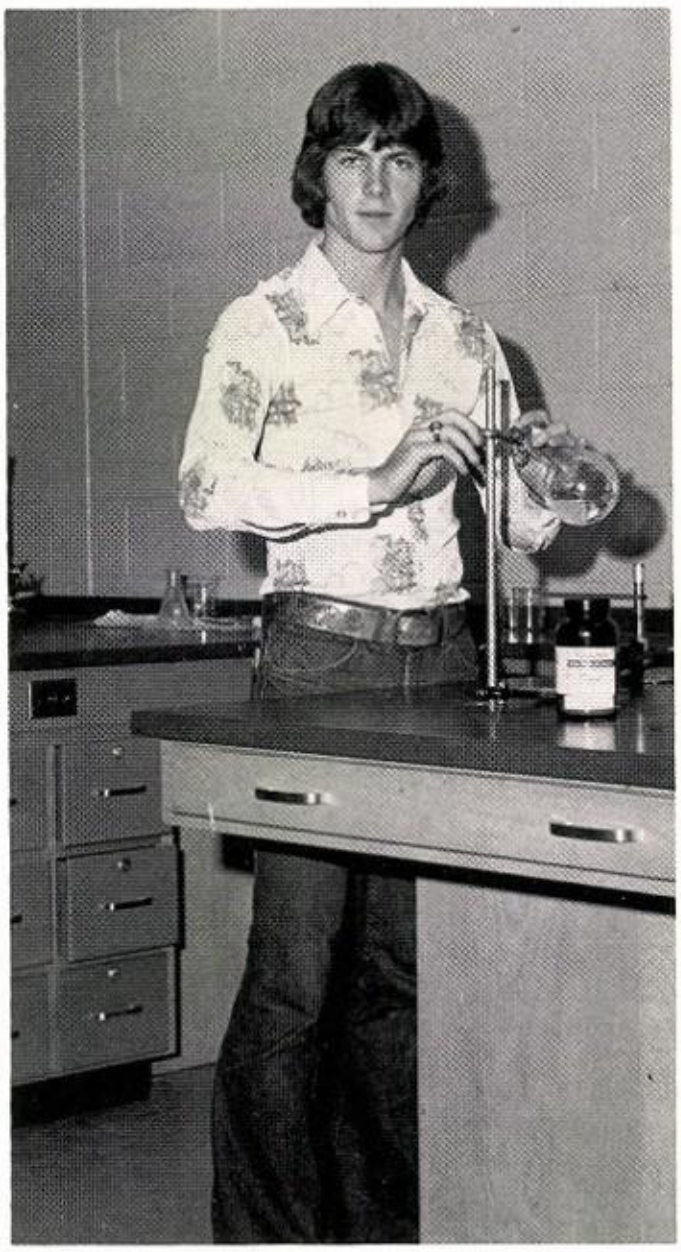


Mike Allen

MIKE ALLEN

Jr. Class Pres., Class Favorite, Varsity Football, Baseball, Basketball, Football Beau, Best Blocking Lineman-Fr. and Soph., Math and Science Club

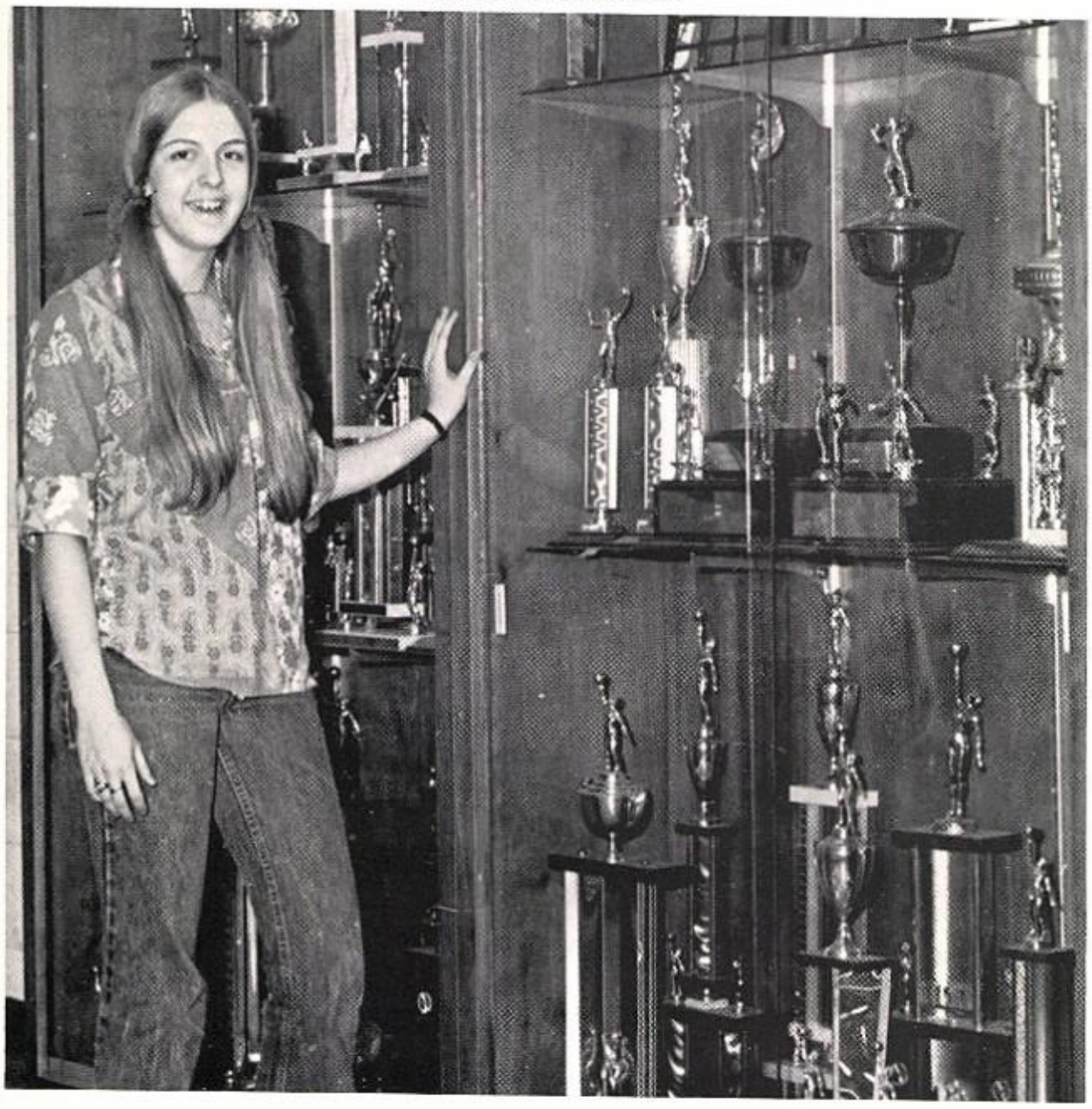
Steve Head



STEVE HEAD

Jr. Class Pres., Soph. Class Pres., Student Council Pres., FFA Pres. and Vice-Pres., Class Favorite, Optomist Boy of the Year, Varsity Baseball, Basketball, and Football

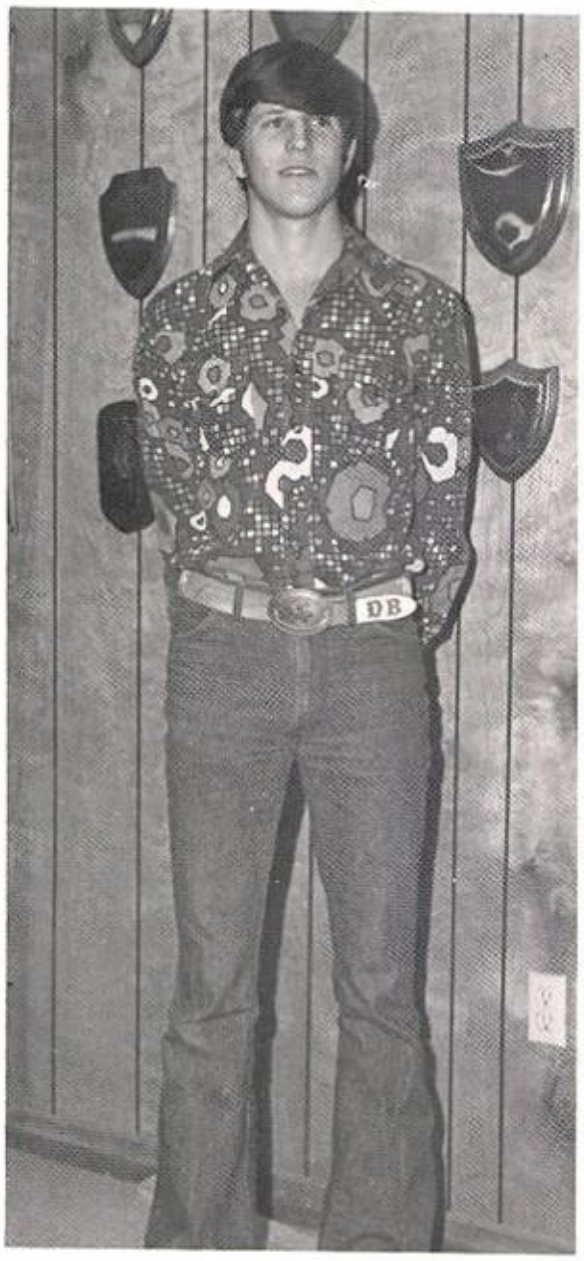
Merita Martin



MERITA MARTIN

Jr. Class Sec., Soph. Class Sec., Student Council Sec., Jr. and Sr. Class Favorite, FHA Vice-Pres., Homecoming Queen, Varsity Basketball

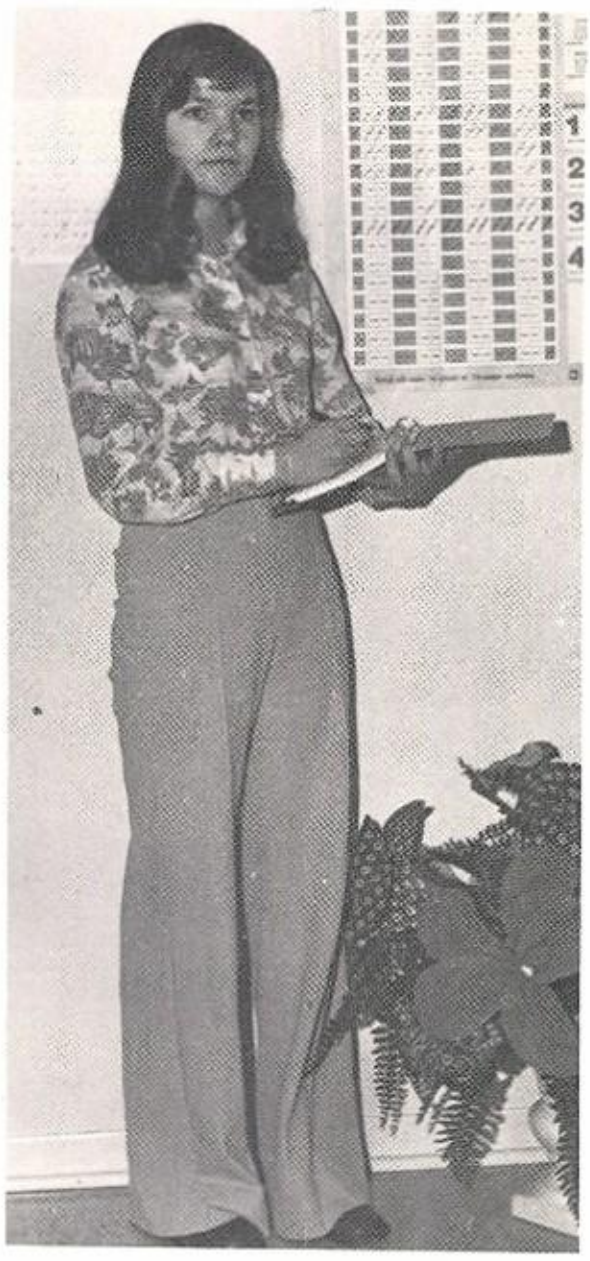
David Basinger



DAVID BASINGER

FFA 98 years, Math and Science Club, J.V. Basketball, Track, Varsity Basketball, State FFA Delegate

Patti Thomas

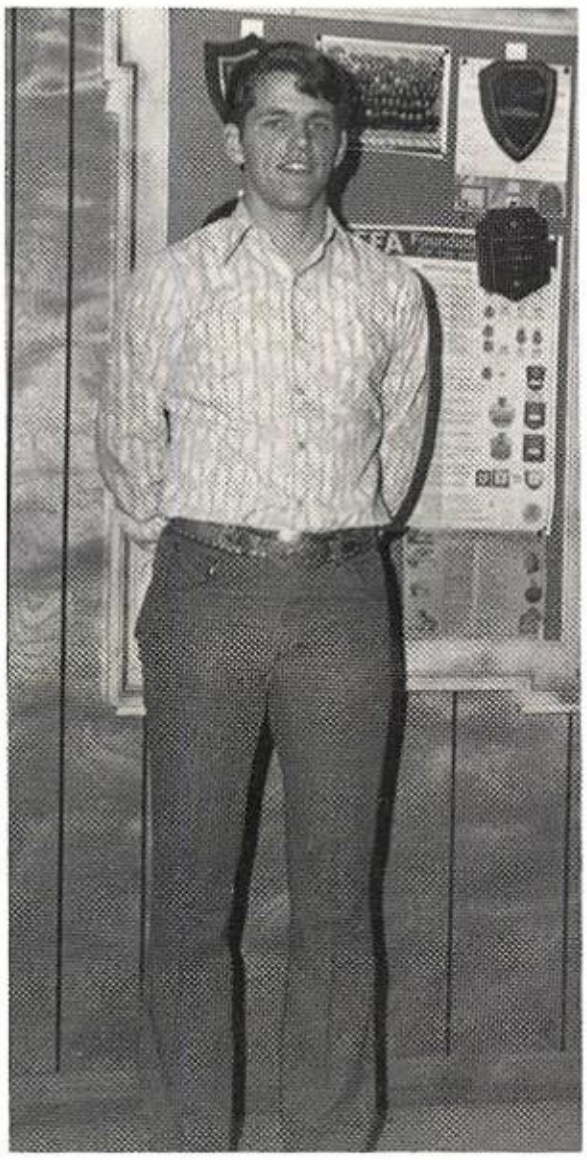


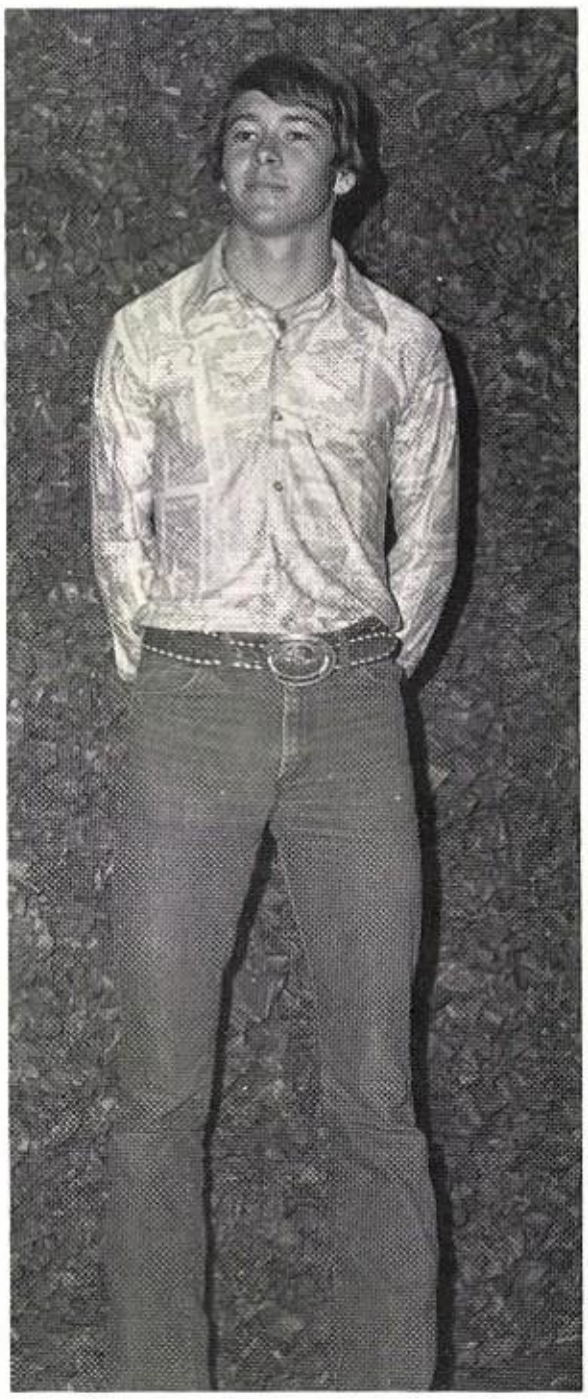
PATTI THOMAS

Editor - Yearbook Staff, Beta Club Sec., Math and Science Club, Tennis - Jr. and Soph.

LUKEY MERRITT

Student Council, Class Favorite - Fr., J.V. Basketball - Fr., Soph., and Jr., J.V. Football - Fr., Varsity Football - Soph., and Jr. Beta Club Vice-Pres., Baseball, FFA, Math and Science Club



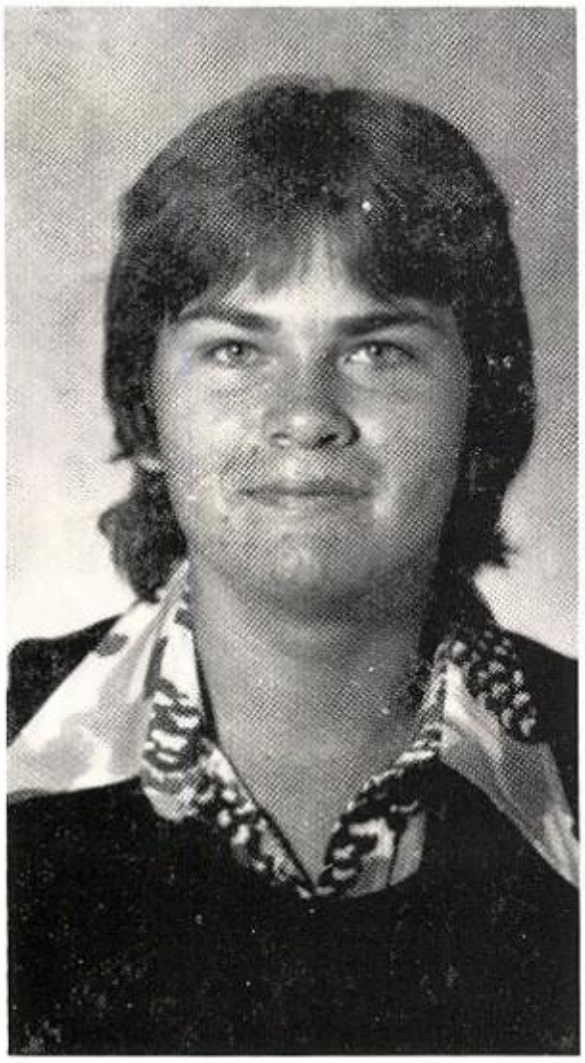


CHUCK RATER

Beta Club - Fr., Soph., Jr., Sr., FFA - Four Years, Math and Science Club - Four Years, J.V. Basketball, Football, Varsity Football, Choral Club

DEBBYE WHITE

Co-captain Varsity Basketball, Co-Captain J.V. Basketball, Beta Club Sec., Beta Club, Tennis, Track

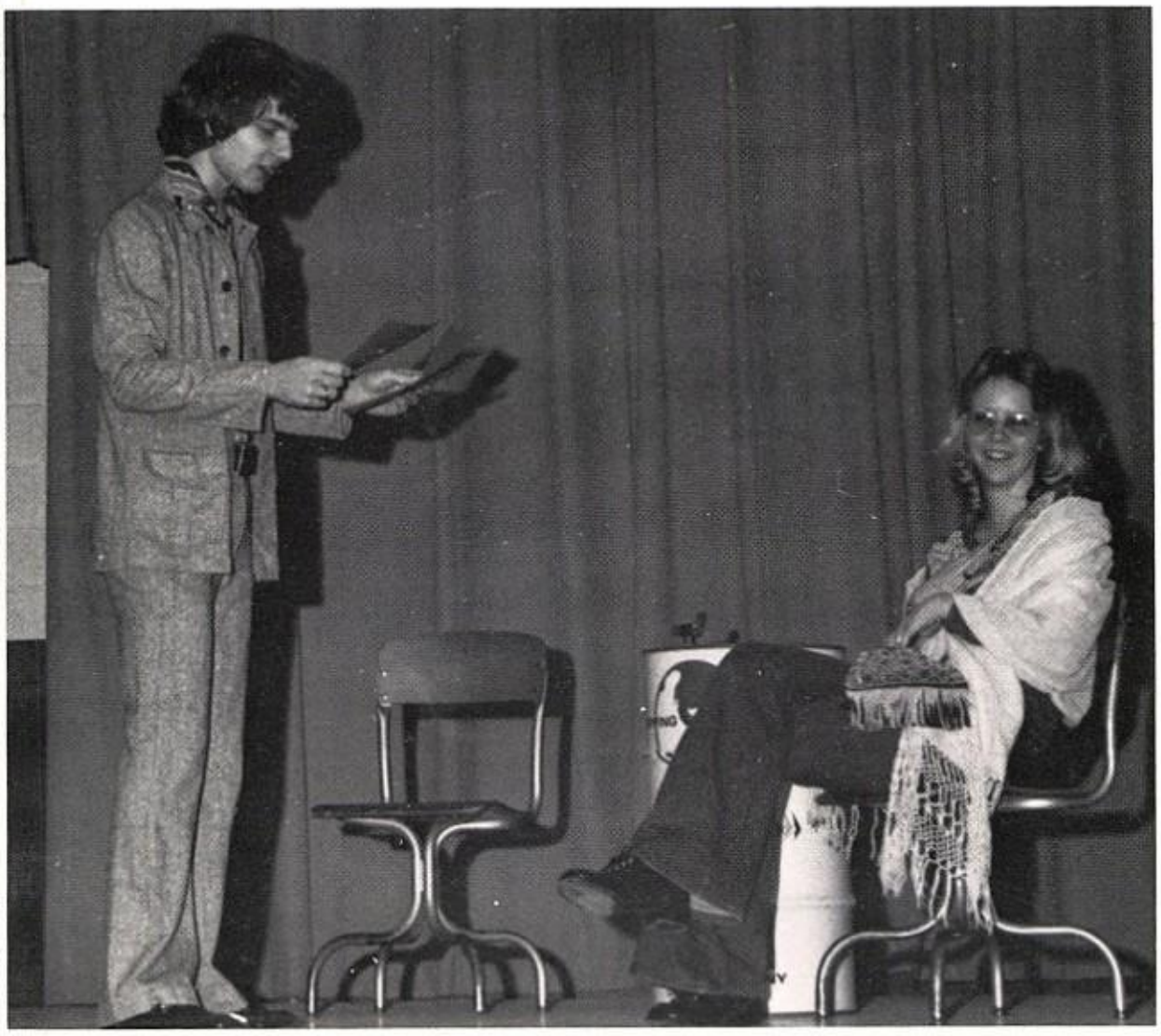


BOB ALLEN

Math and Science Club - Fr., FFA - Fr., Youth for Christ, Fr. and Soph., Future Teachers, Beta Club, Choral Club, Photographer and Business Manager on Yearbook Staff, Fr., Soph., and Jr.

This year the speech class represented Prairiland for the first time in University Interscholastic League district one act play contest. The play they presented, shown here in an early rehearsal, was THE QUEENS OF FRANCE, by Thornton Wilder. The cast members pictured here along with Judy Barnett, presented a good show for Prairiland.

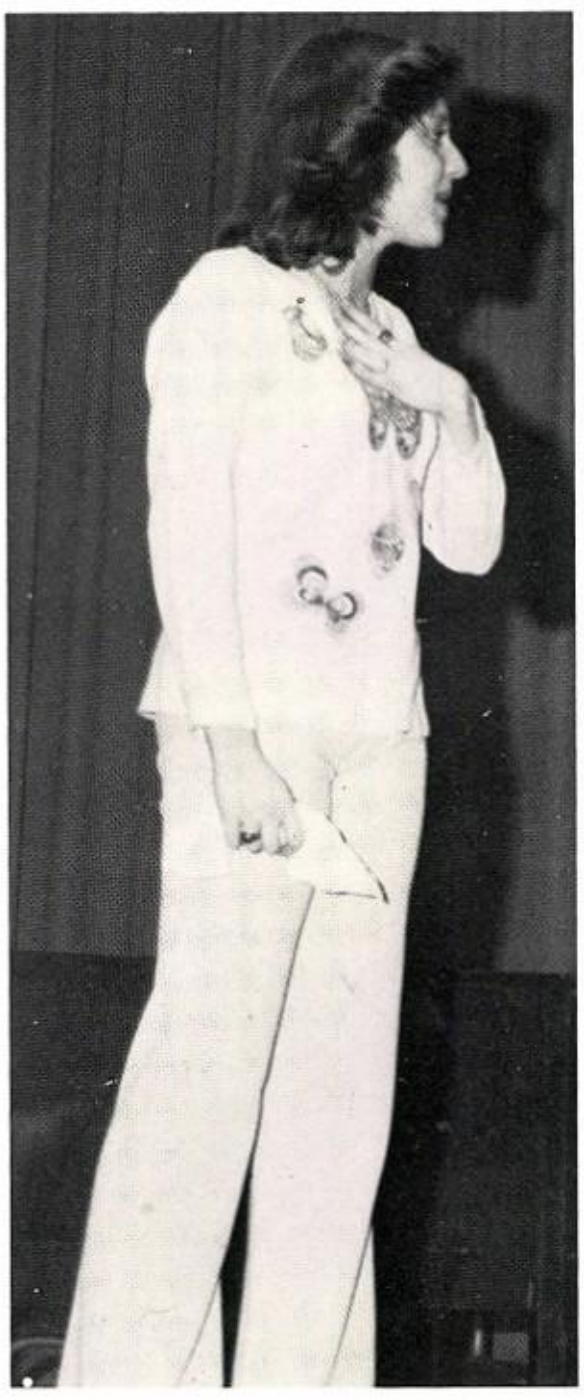
Members of the speech class also represented our school in district competition for oral interpretation and extemporaneous speaking. Students participating in these events were: J. Barnett, V. Johnson, S. Gibson, R. Merritt, D. Dennis, L. Clarkson, S. Dicken, L. Woodall, S. Leonard, L. Rees, and B. Roberson.

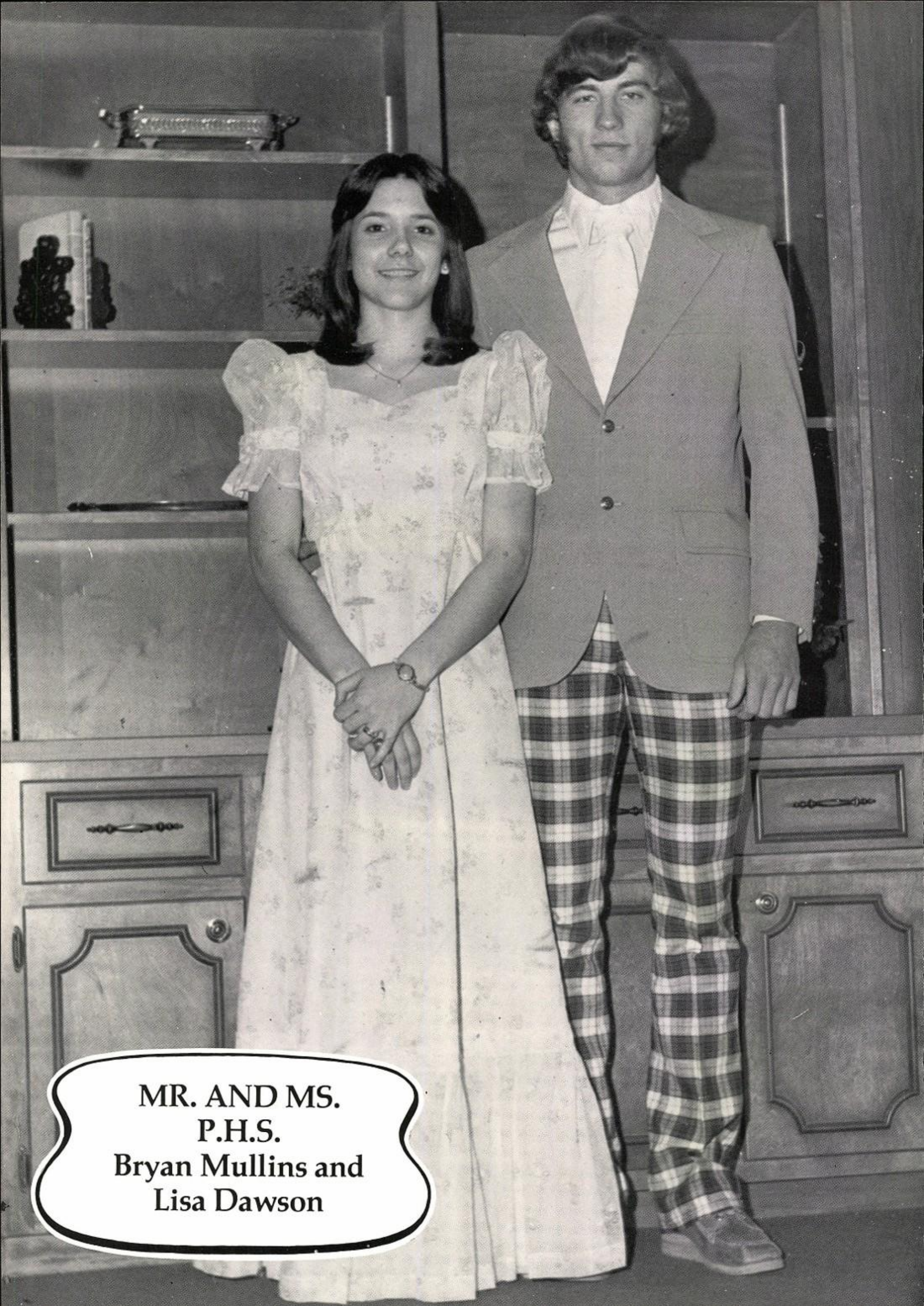


AT LEFT: M'su. Cahusac (Dan Dennis) discusses business with a flirtatious Marie Cresseax (R. Merritt)

AT BOTTOM LEFT: M'su Cahusac greets the Ancient Woman (Vikki Johnson), who is attended by a servant (Vance Jenkins)

BELOW: Madame Pointevin (Susan Leonard) explains her ideas to M'su Cahusac in no uncertain terms.





MR. AND MS.
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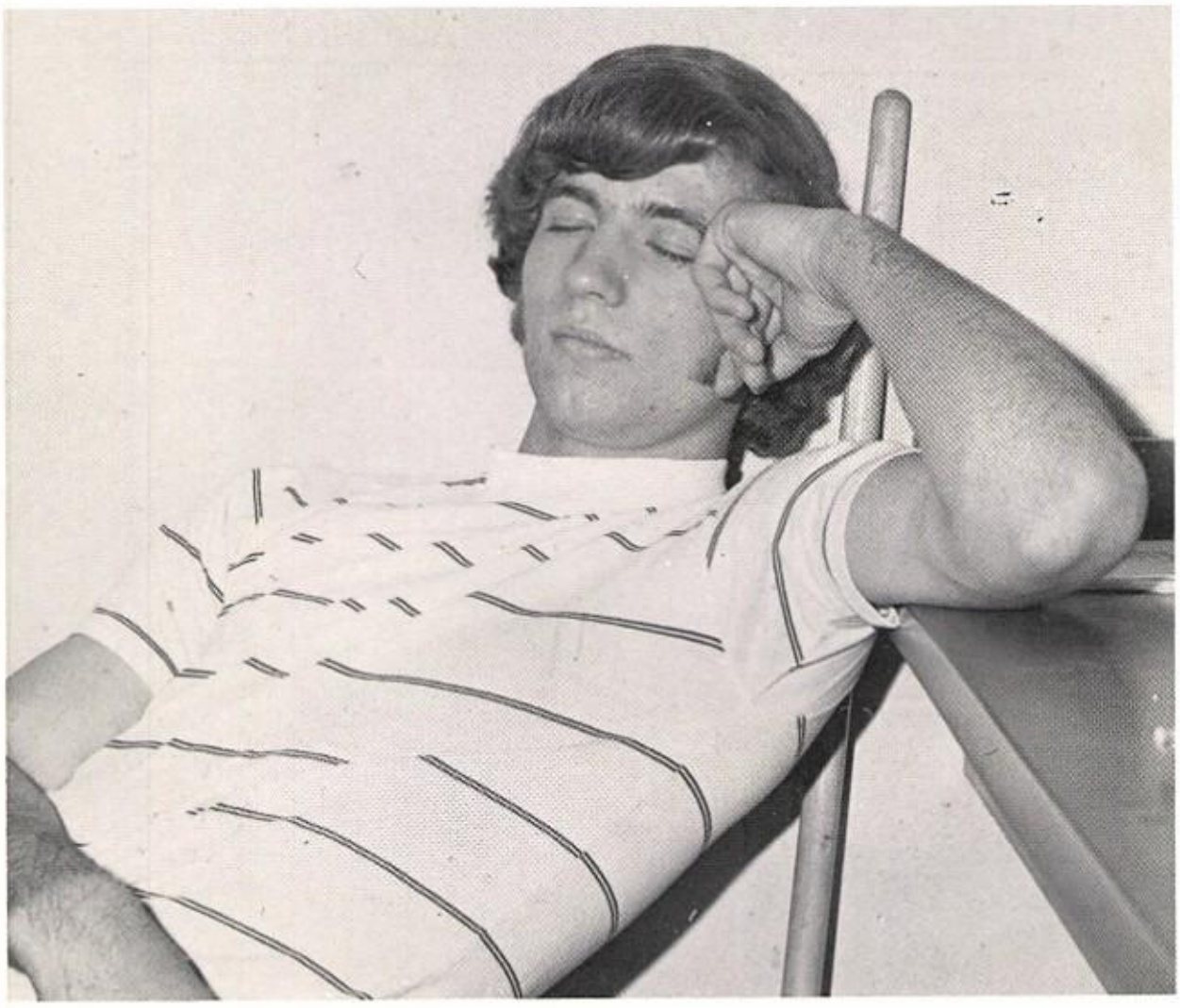

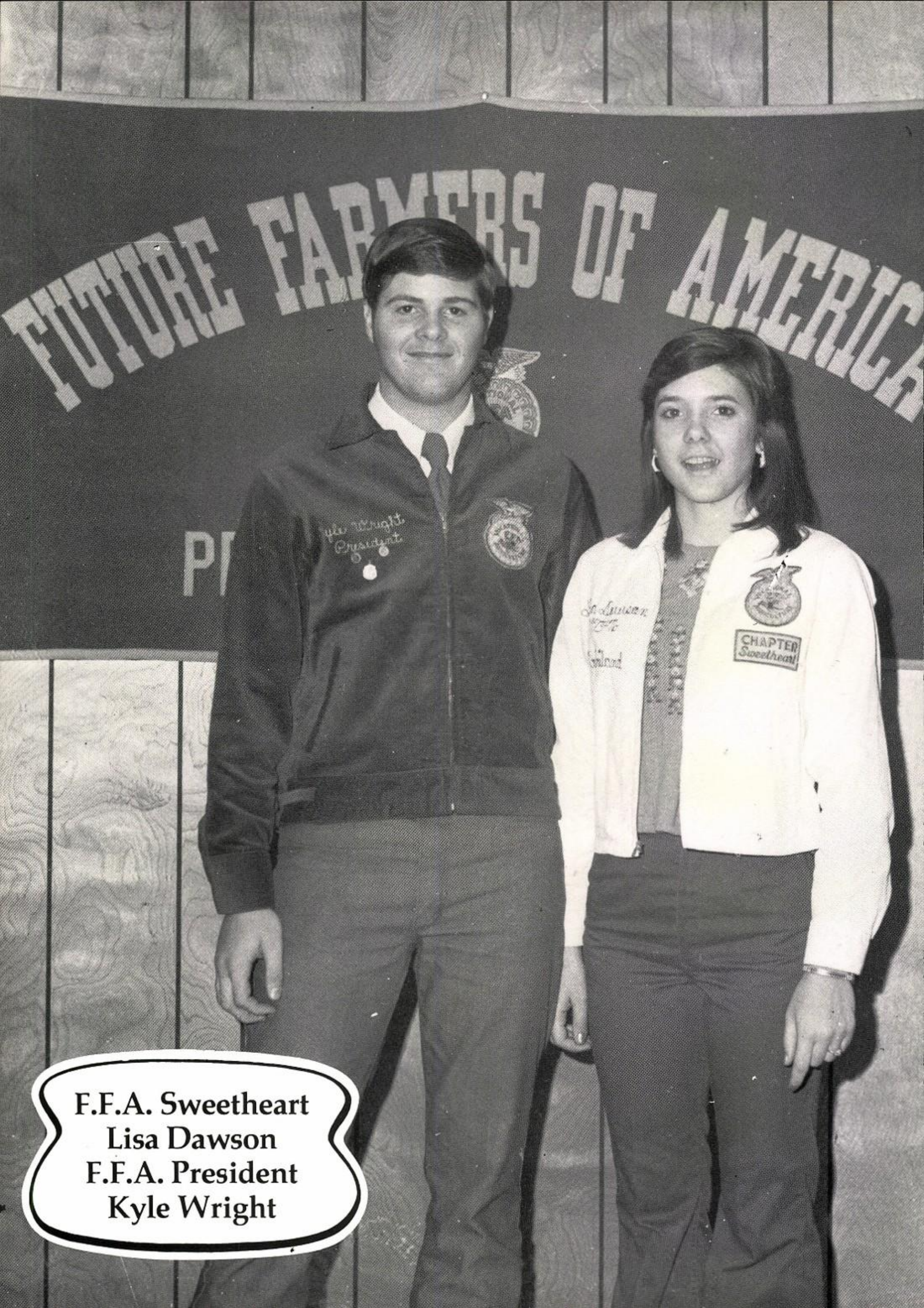

F.F.A. Sweetheart
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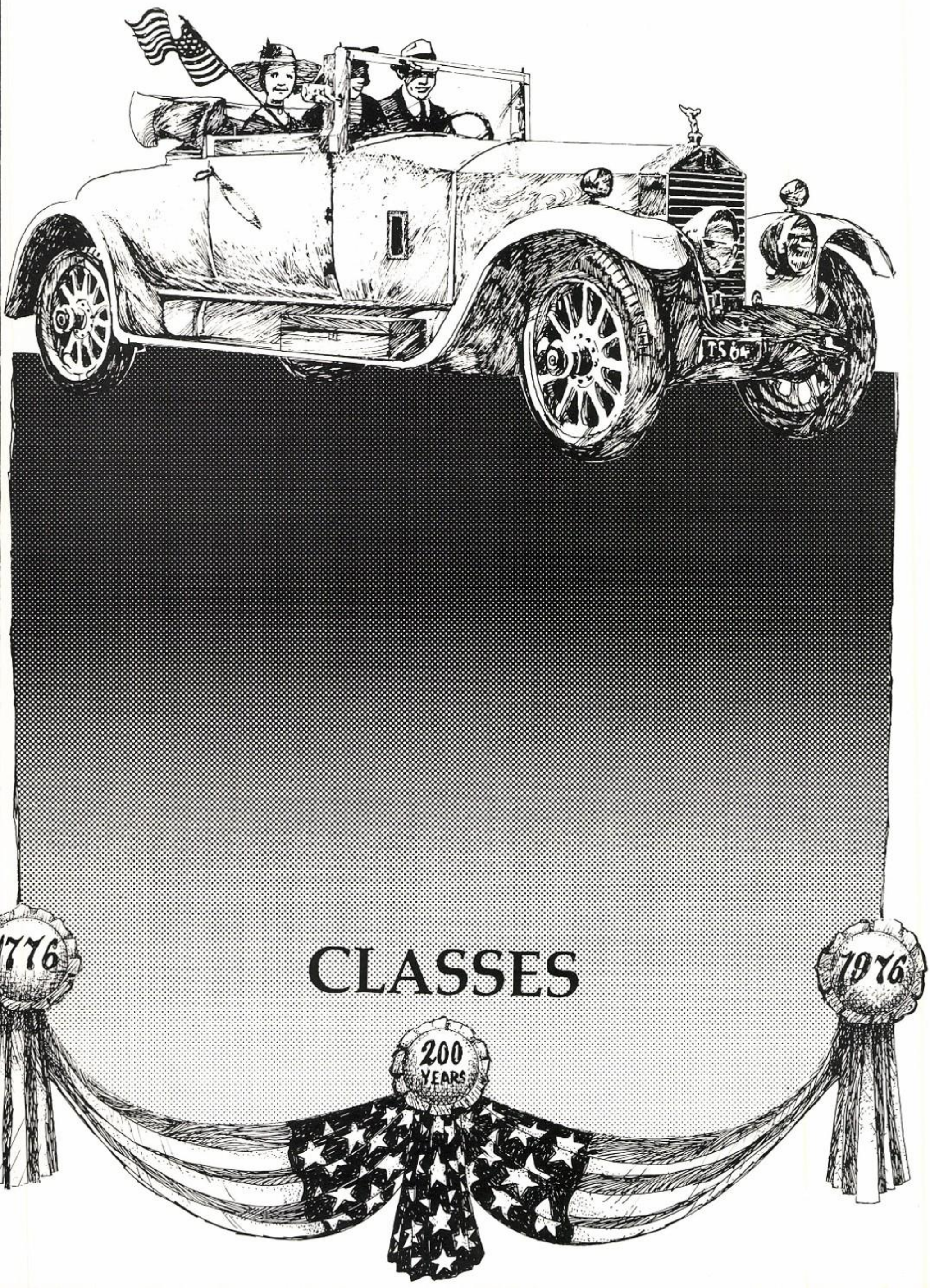

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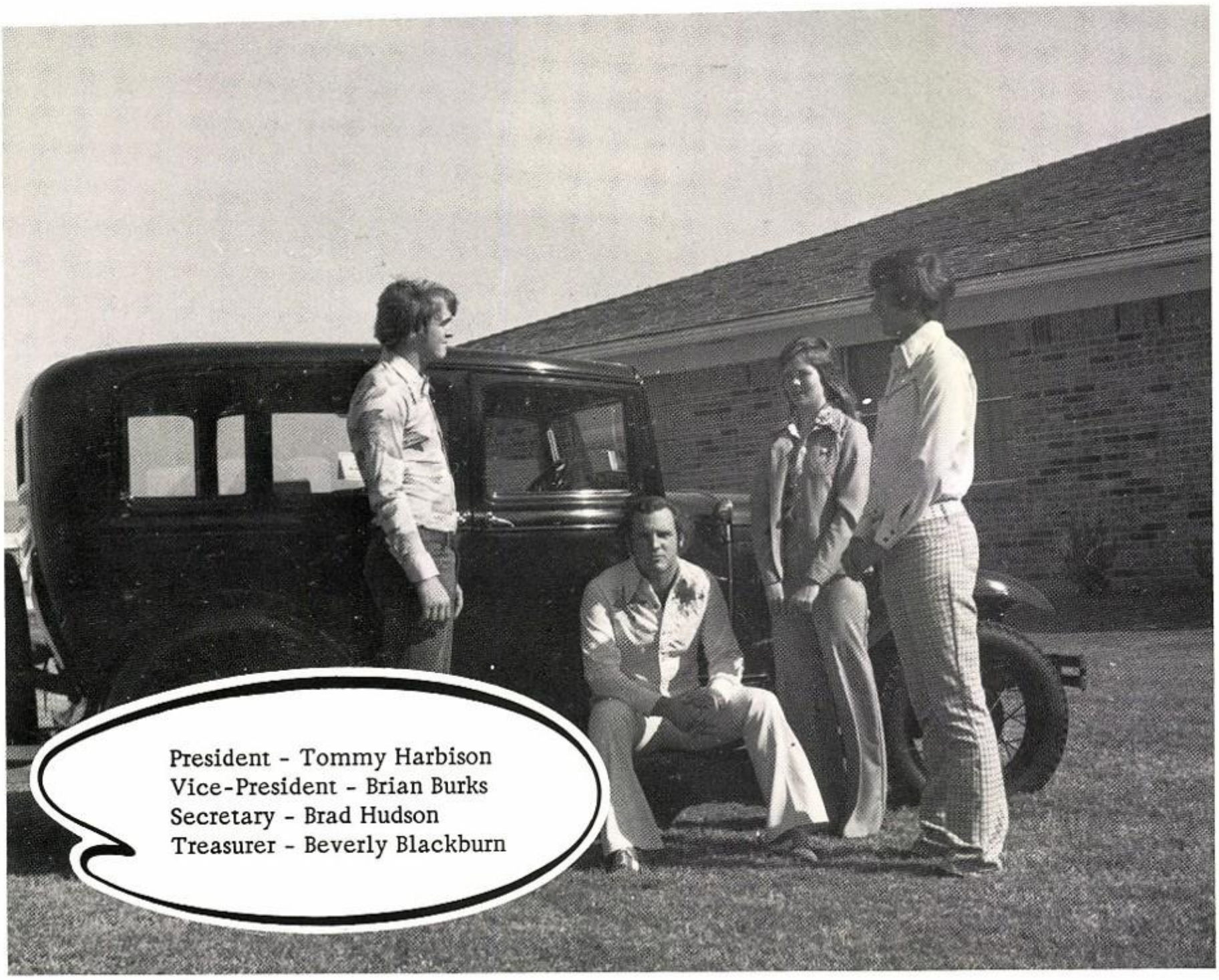

Our first class meeting, held in August, 1975, resulted in the election of officers. In the hands of these officers rested the future of our Senior year. Our confidence was placed in four students who we felt to be best qualified to lead us through this -

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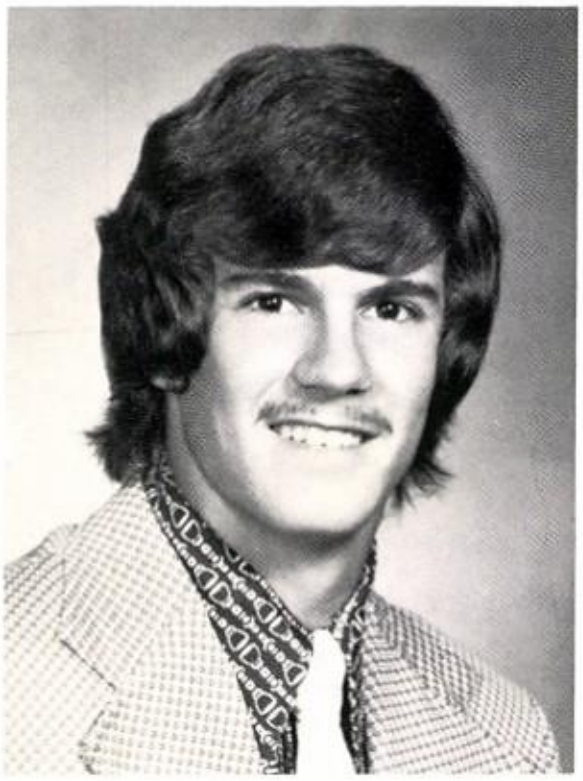
OUR VERY LAST YEAR



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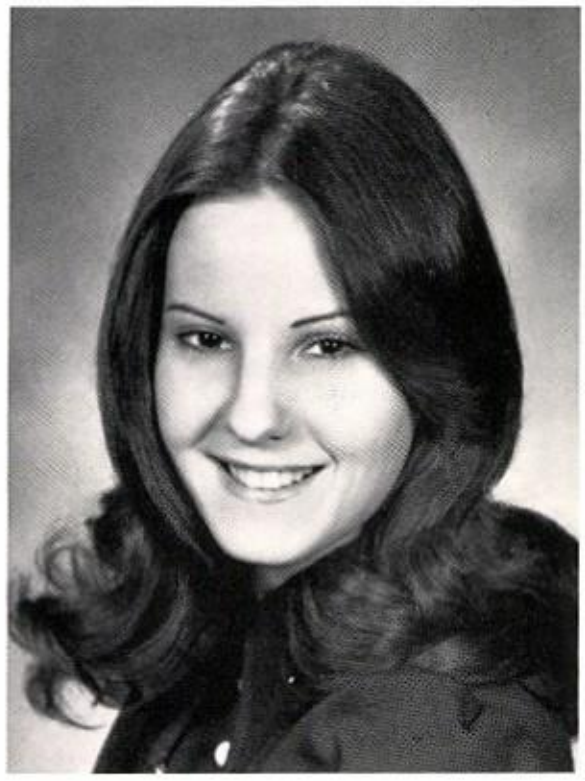

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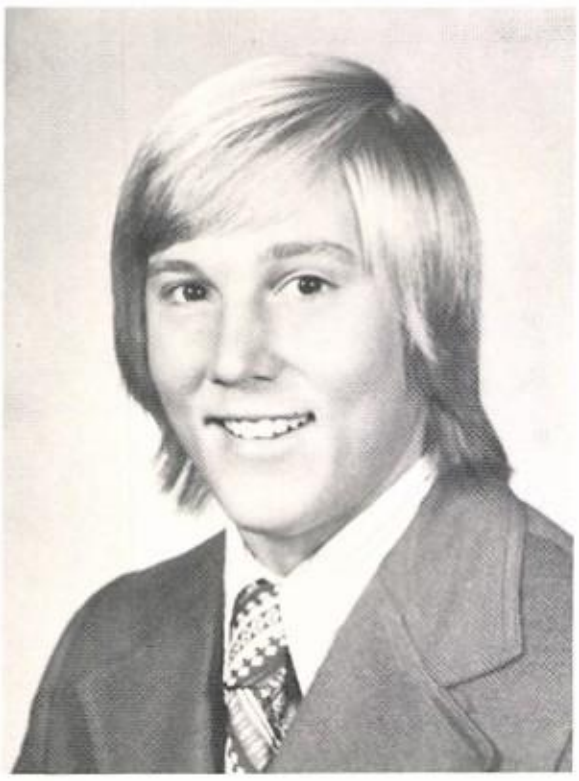

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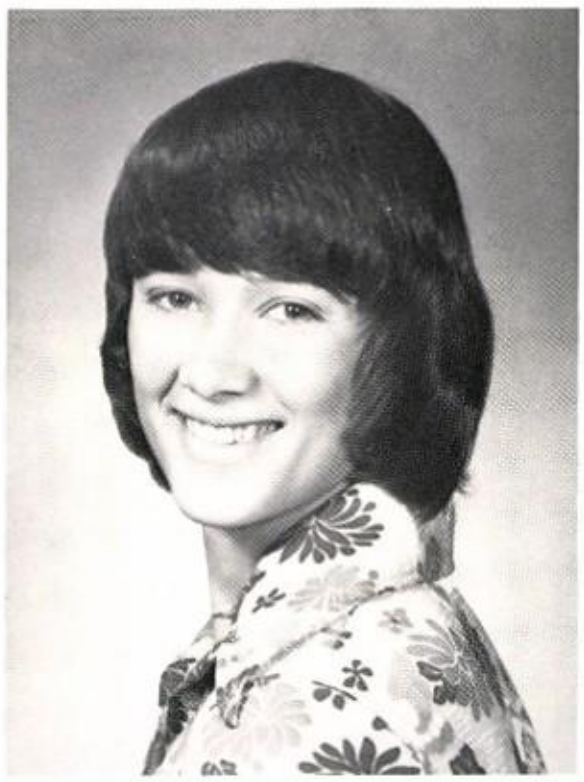

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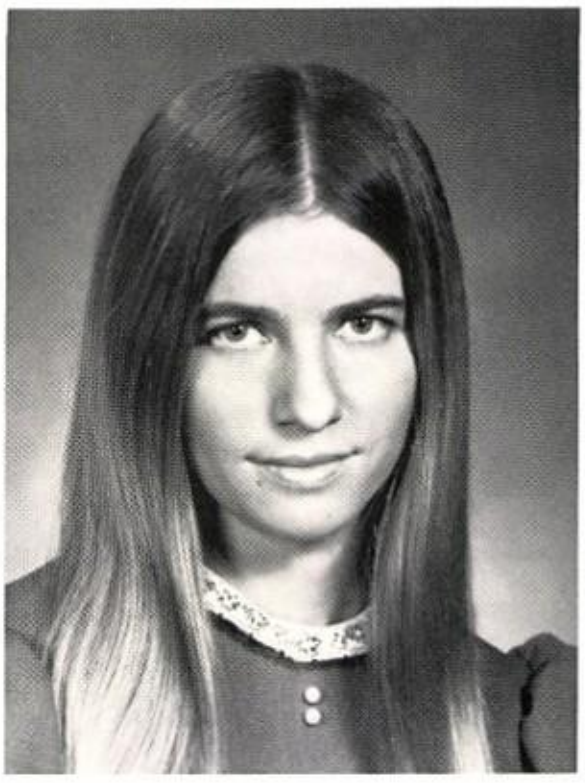

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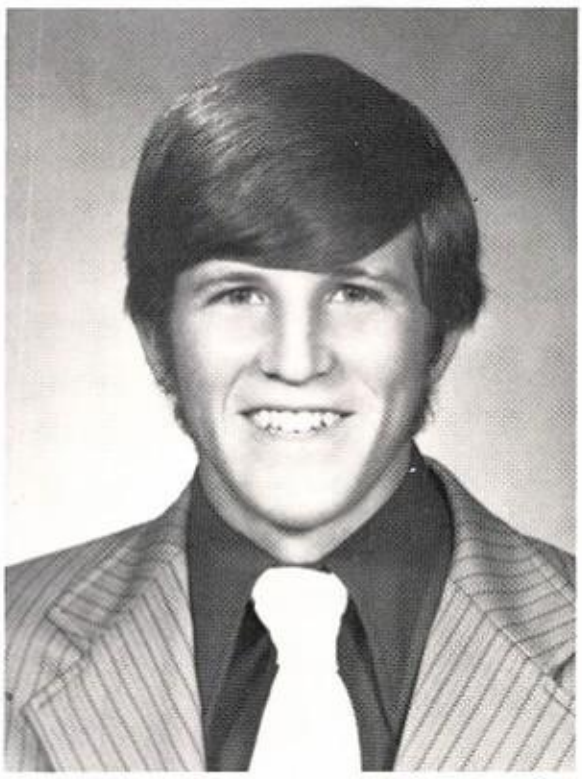

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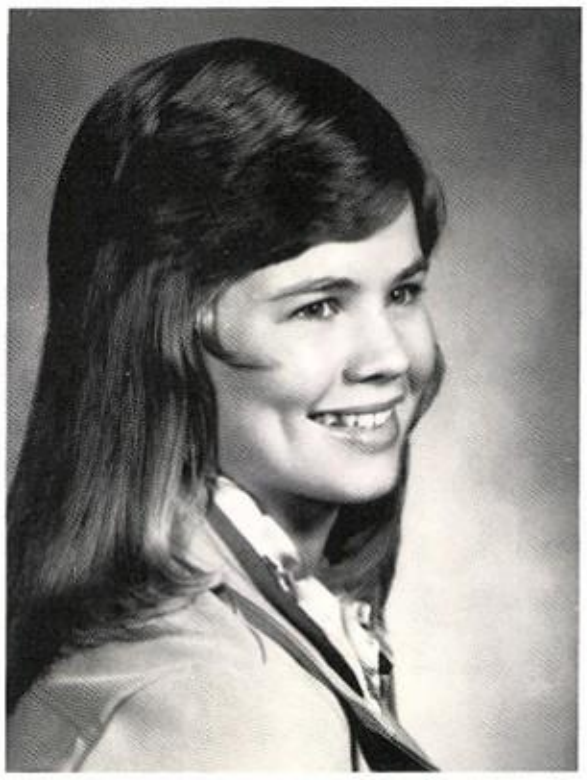

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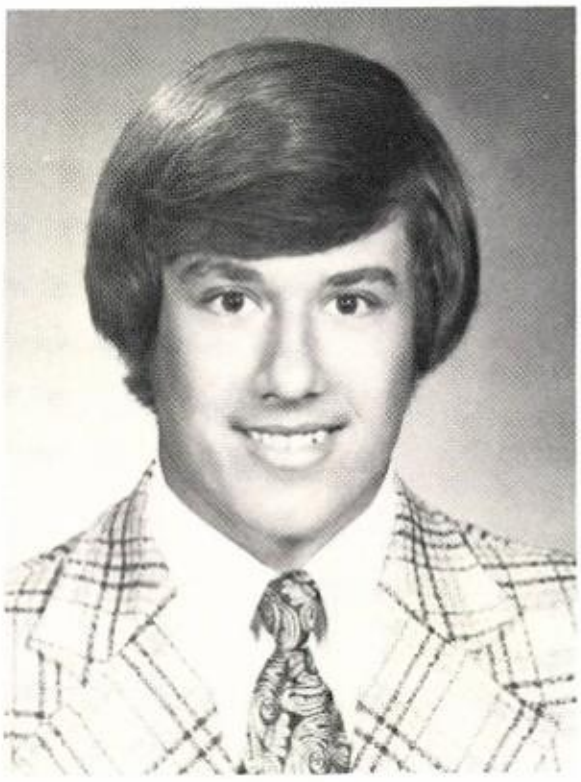

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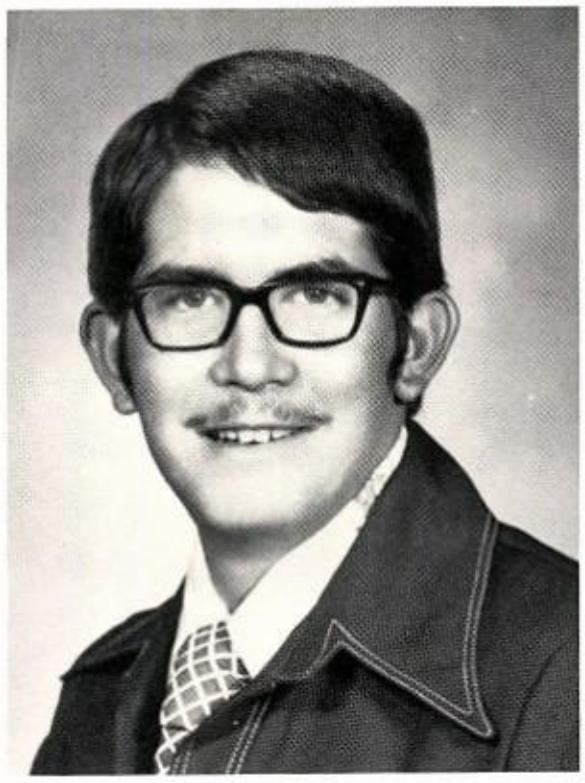

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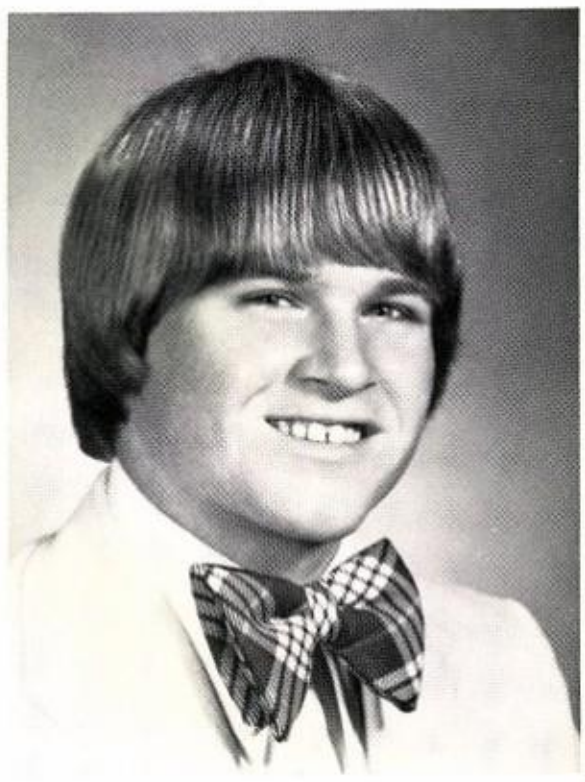

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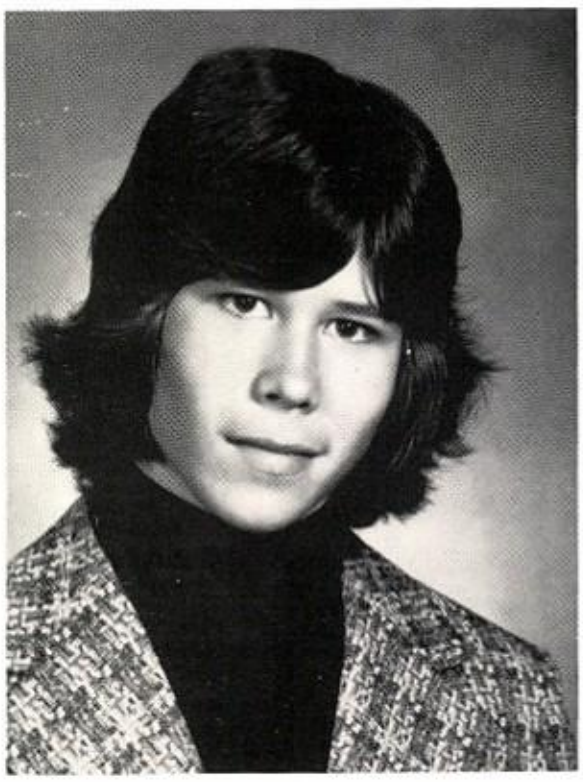

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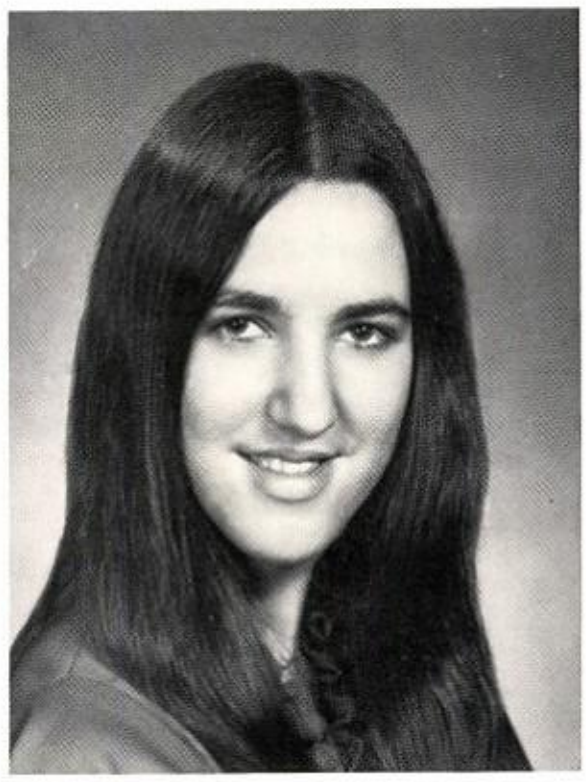

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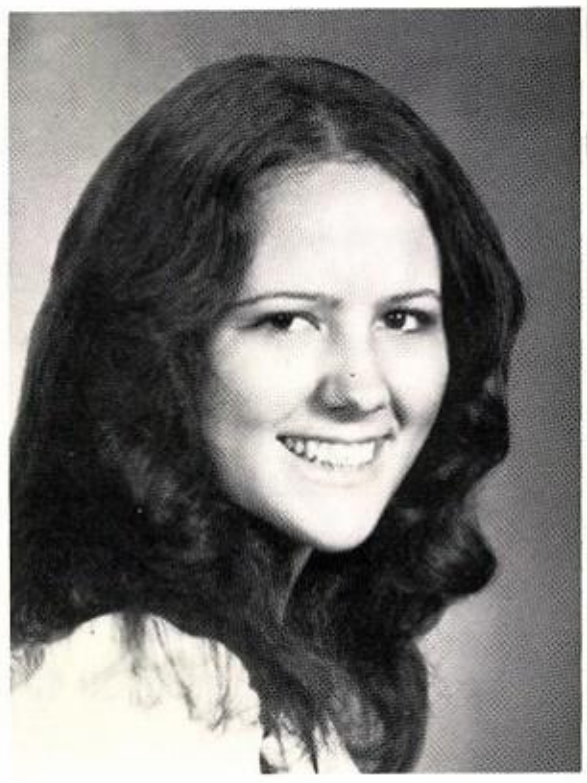

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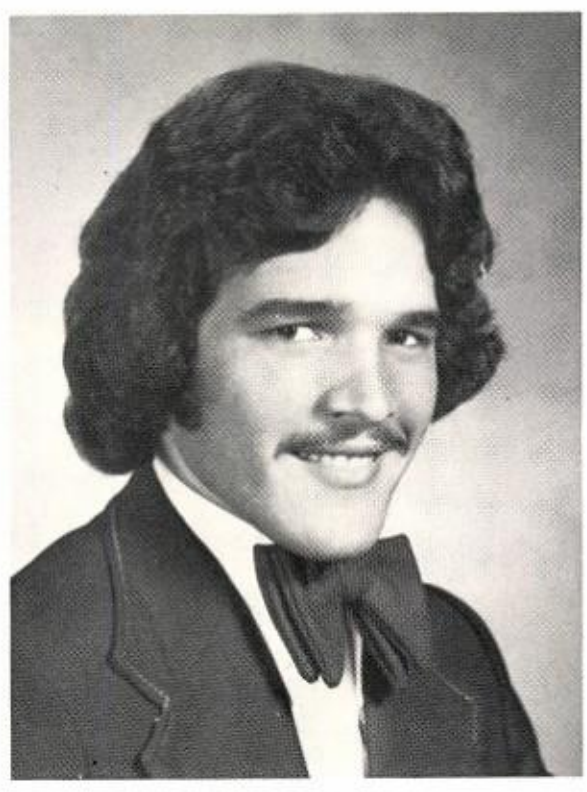

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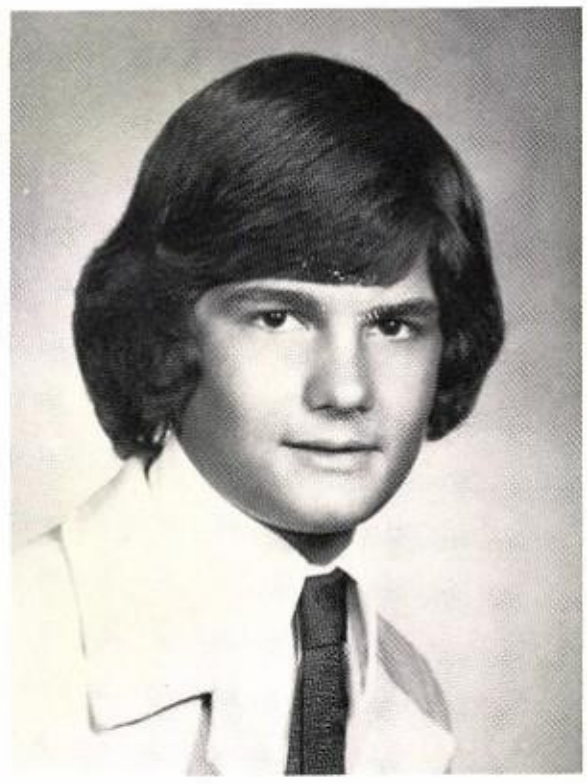

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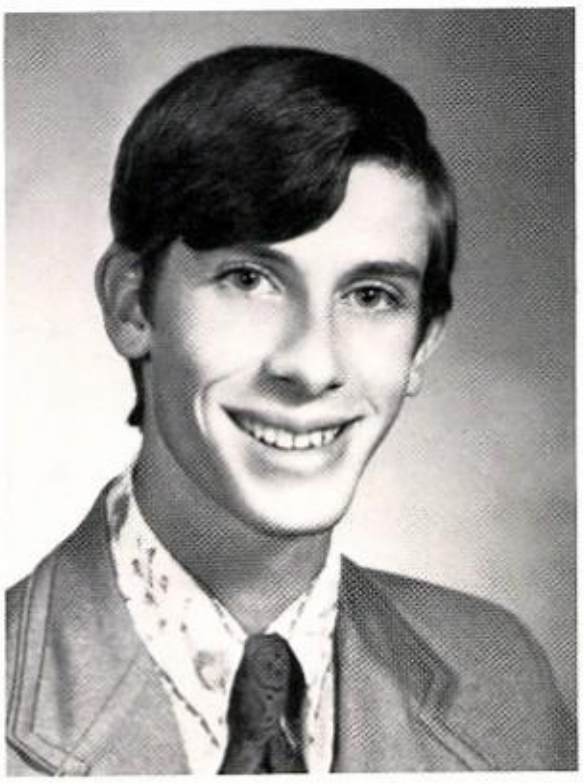

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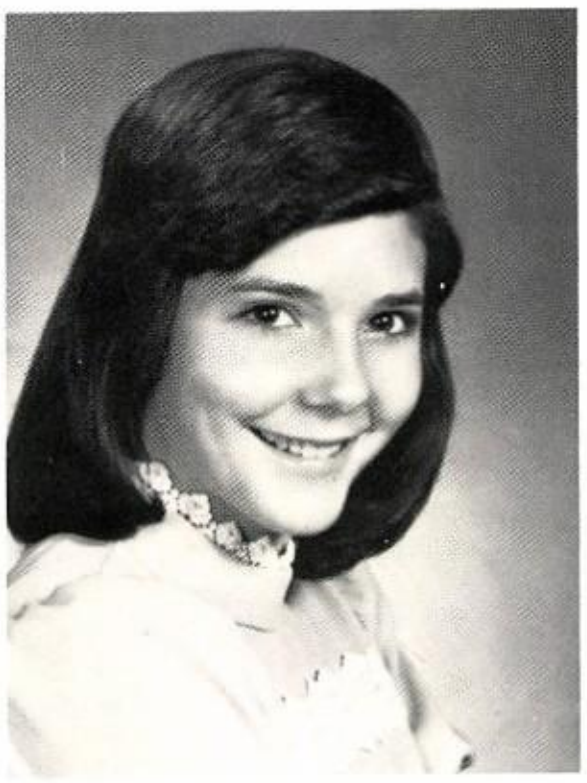

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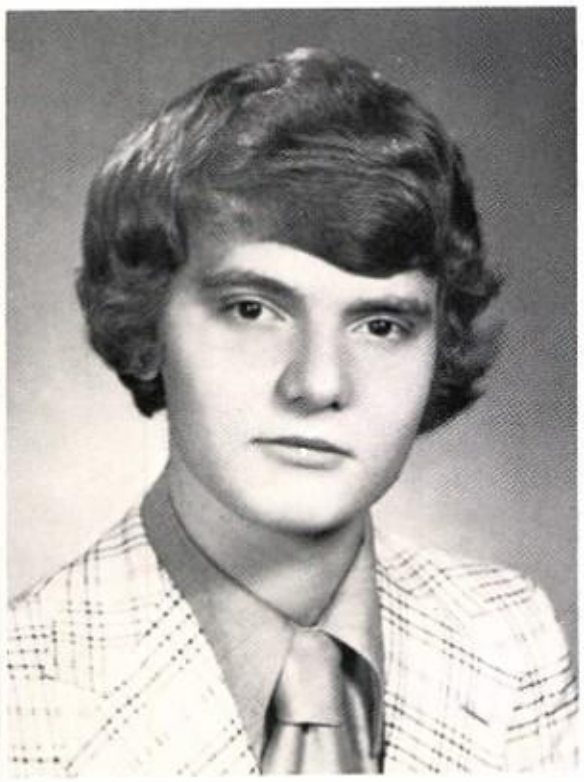

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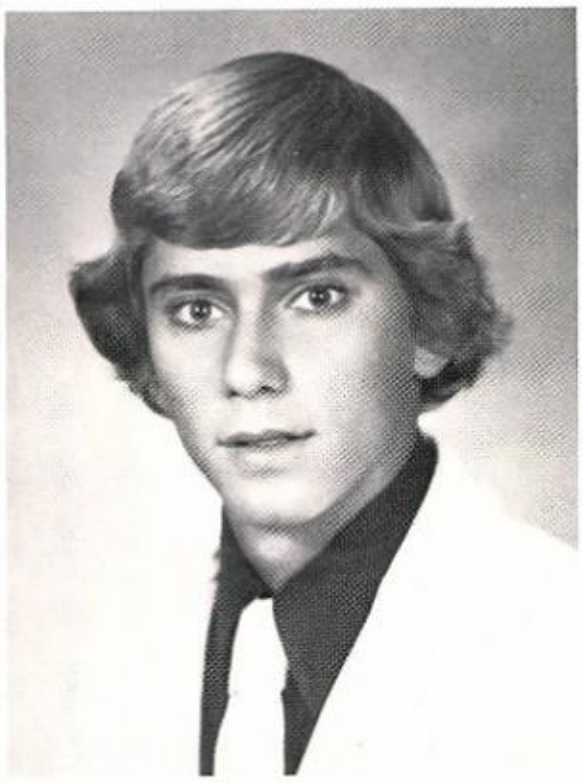

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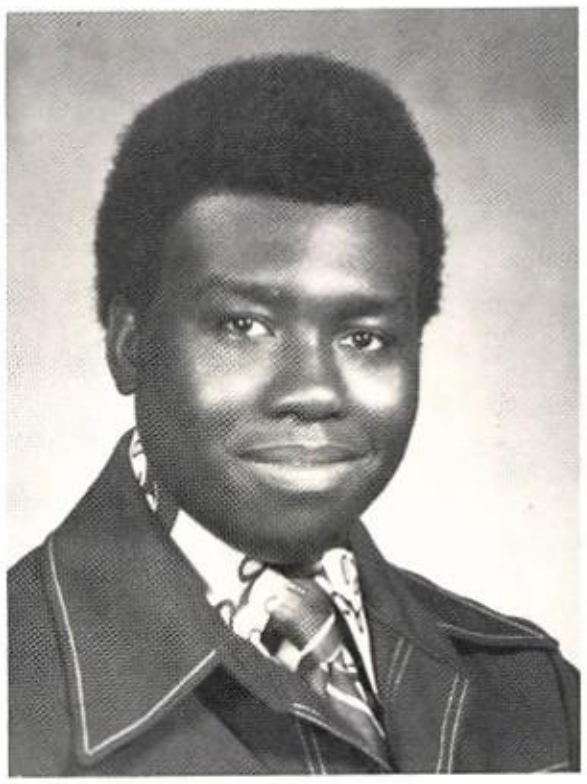

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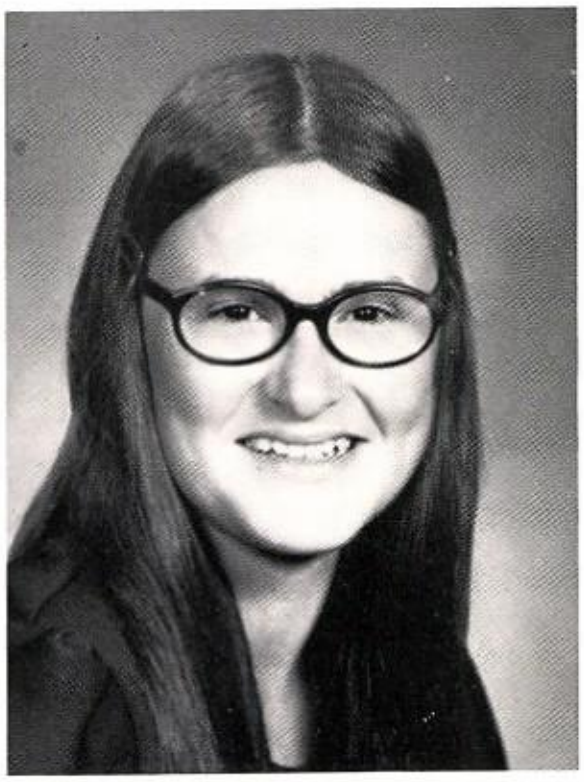

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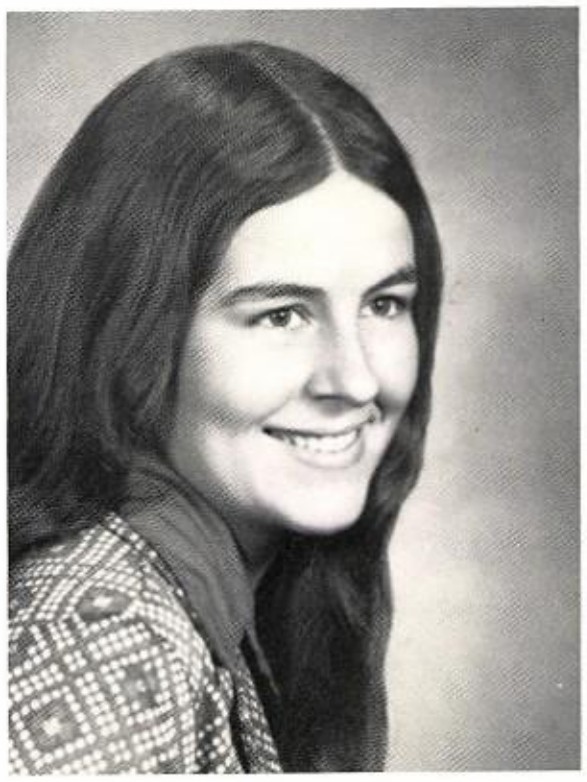

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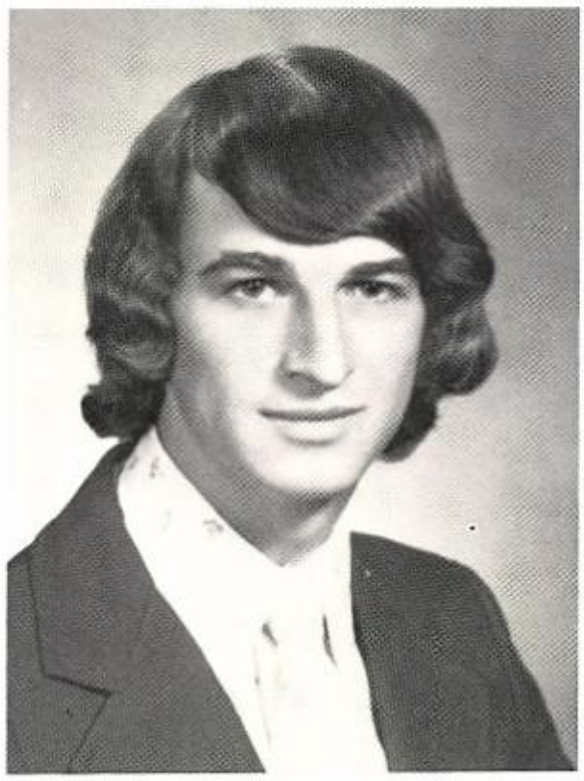

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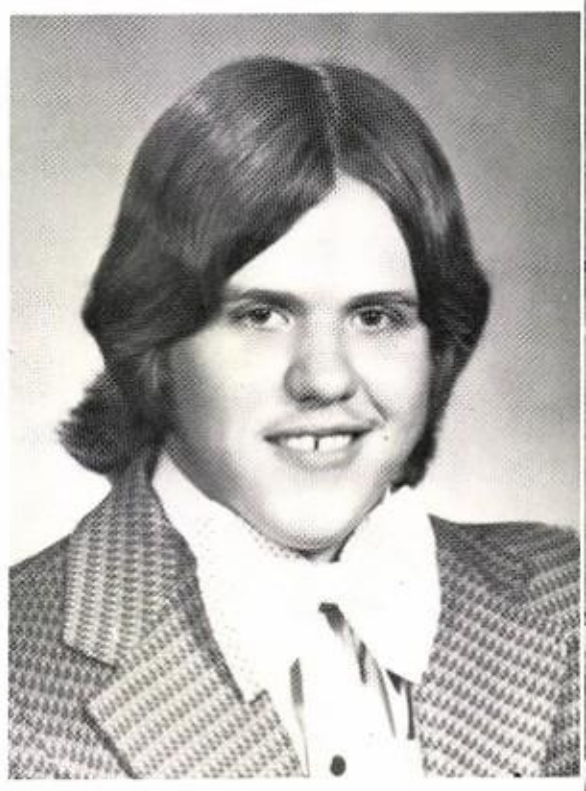

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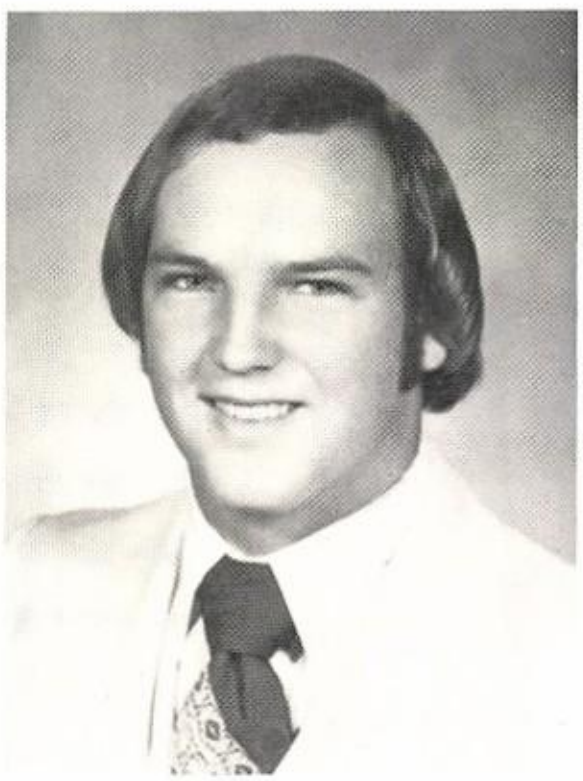

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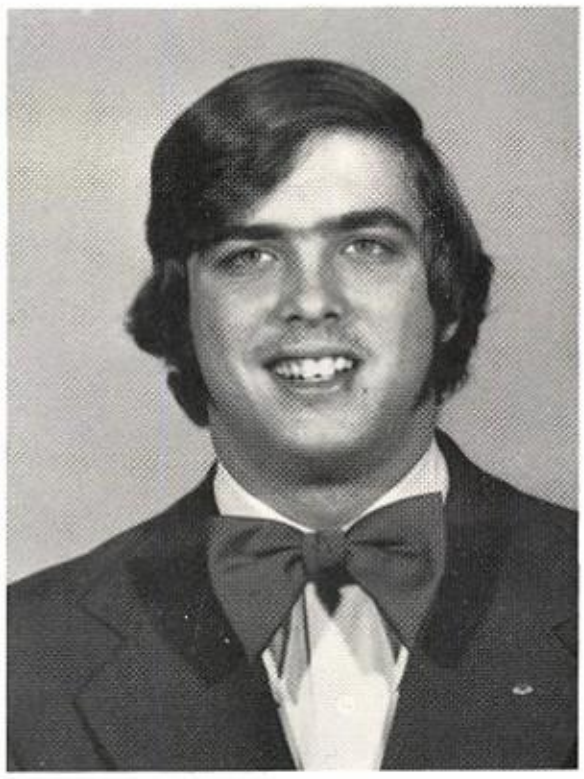

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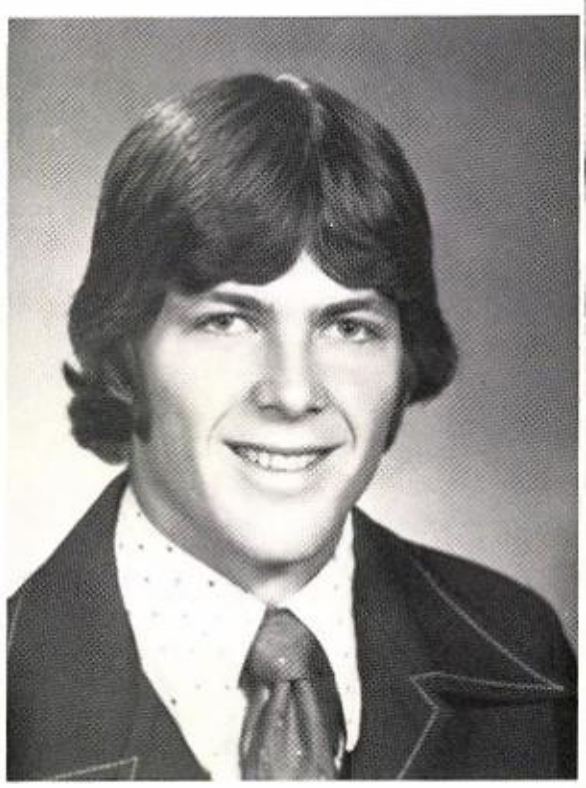

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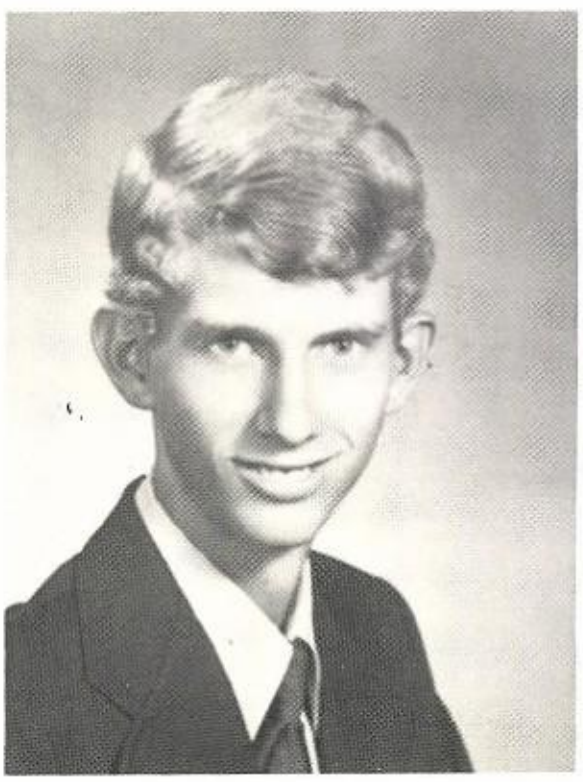

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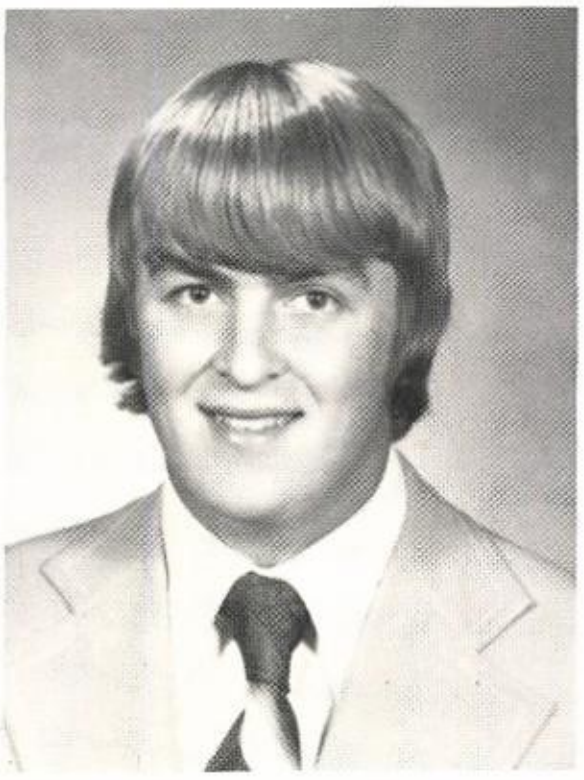

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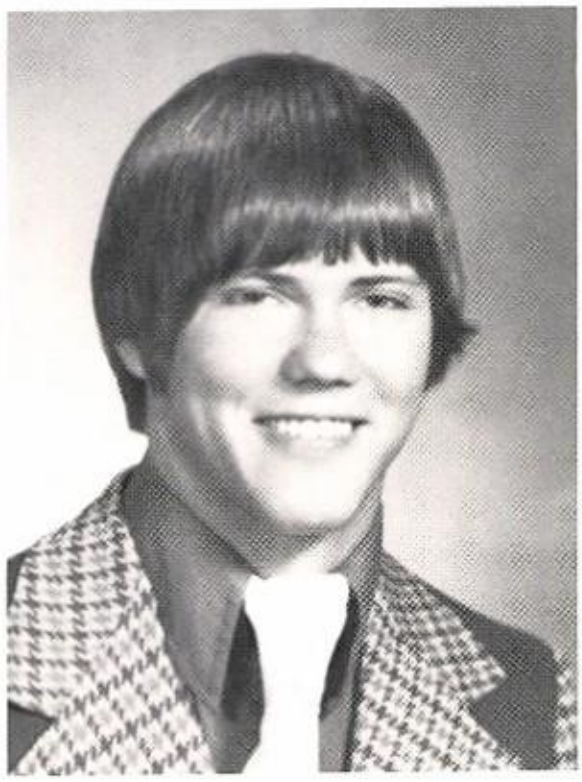

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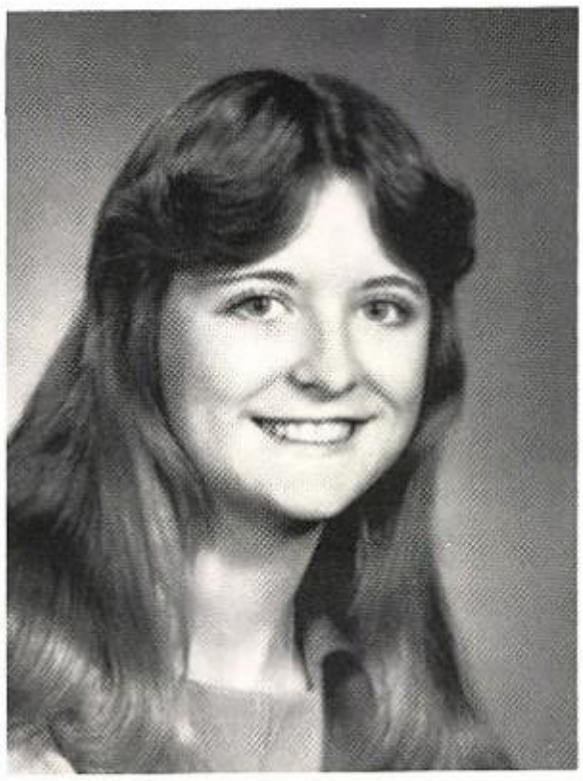

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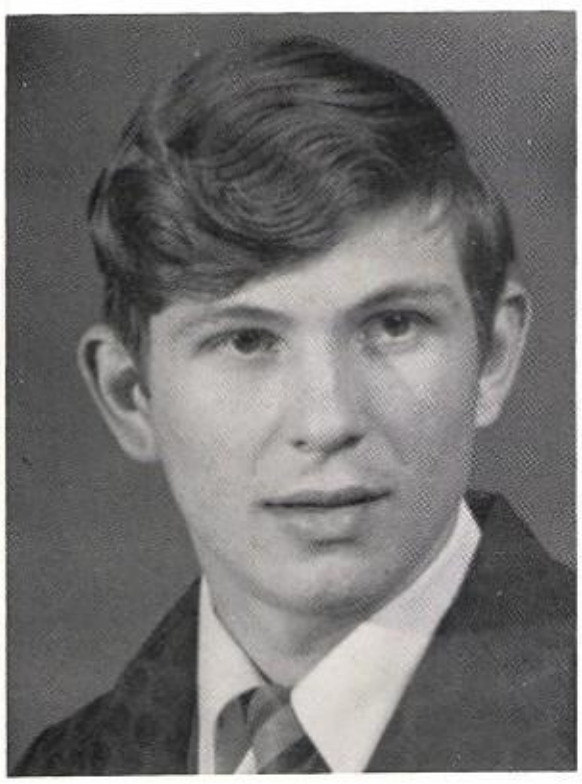

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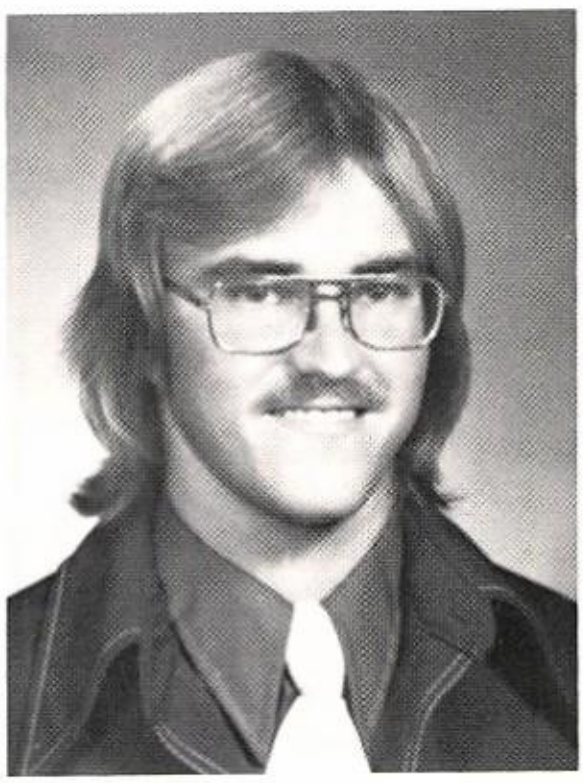

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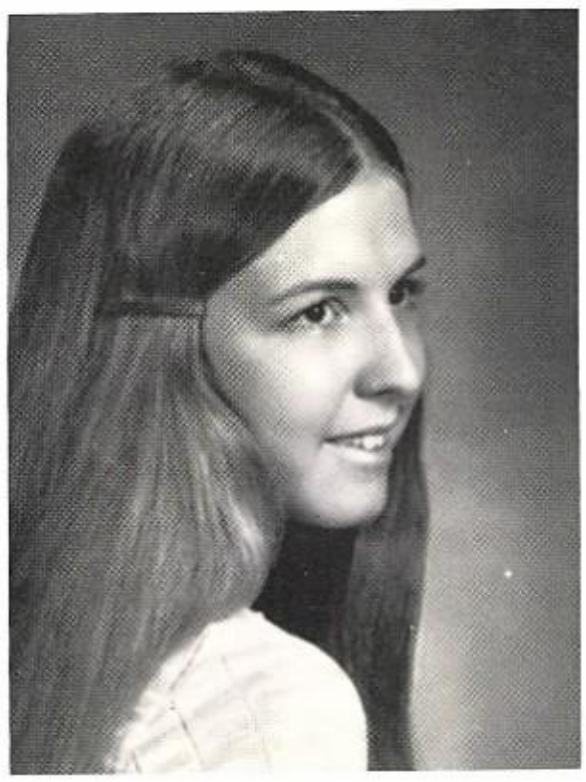

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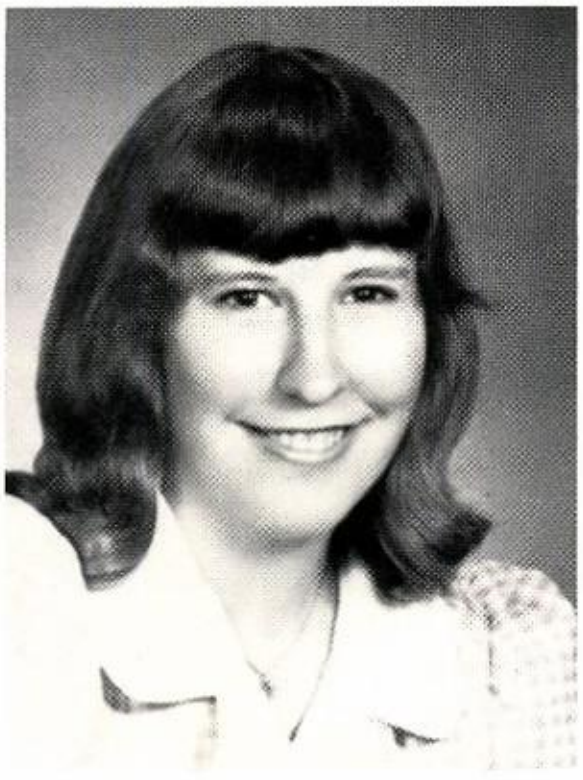

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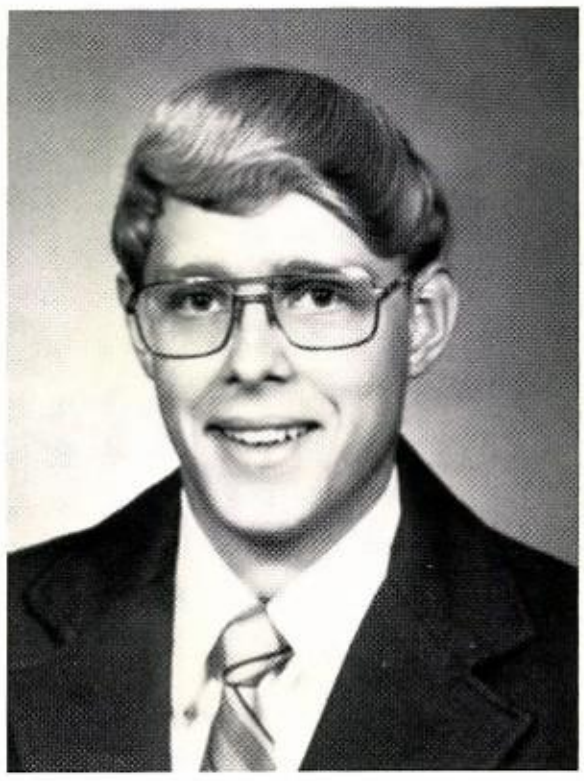

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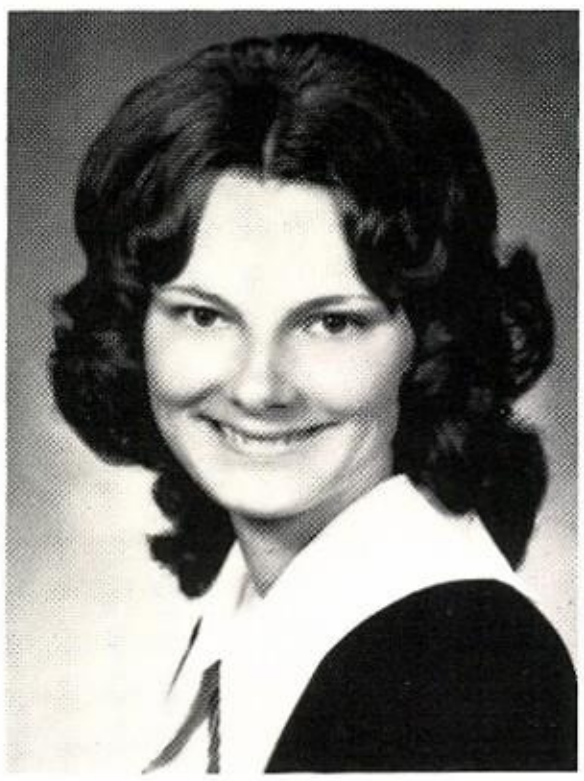

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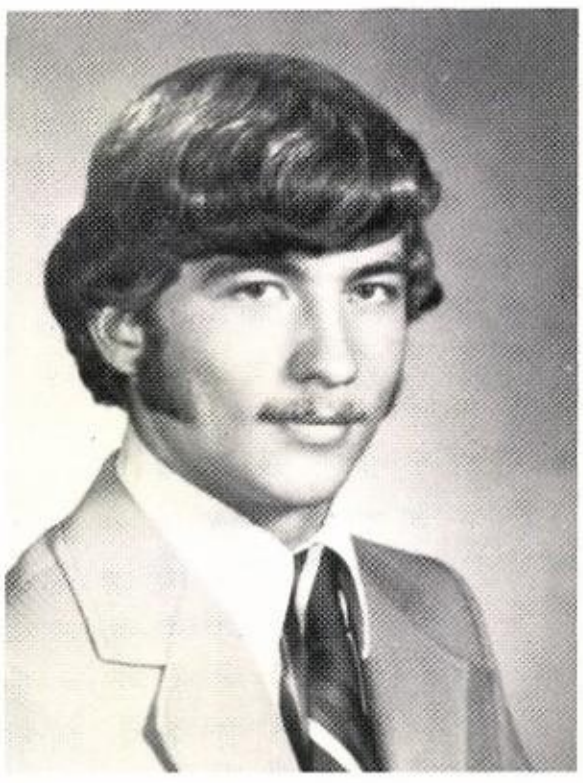

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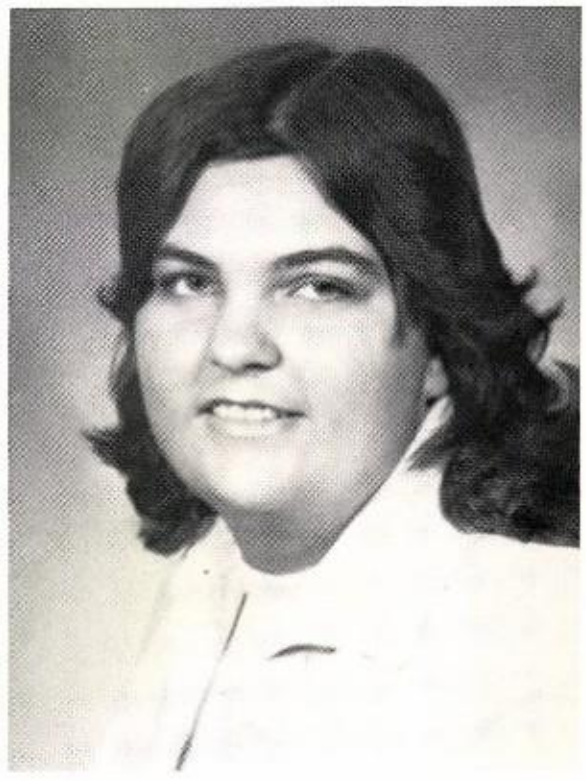

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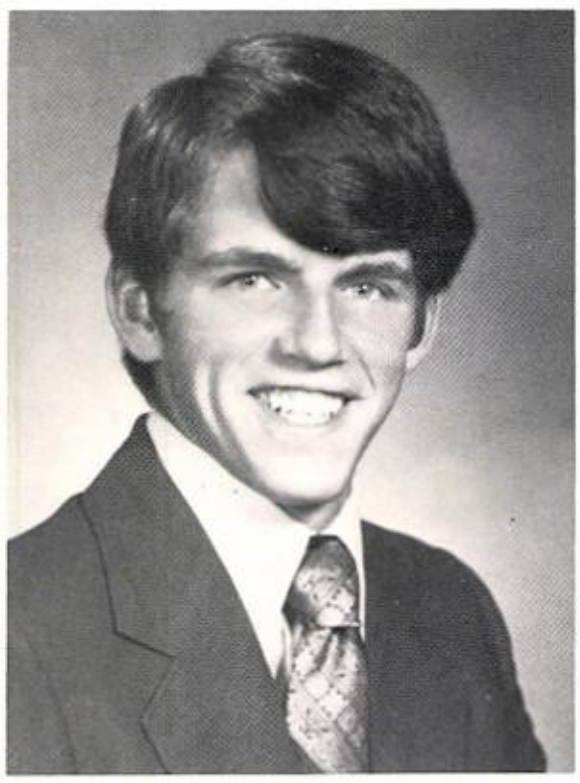

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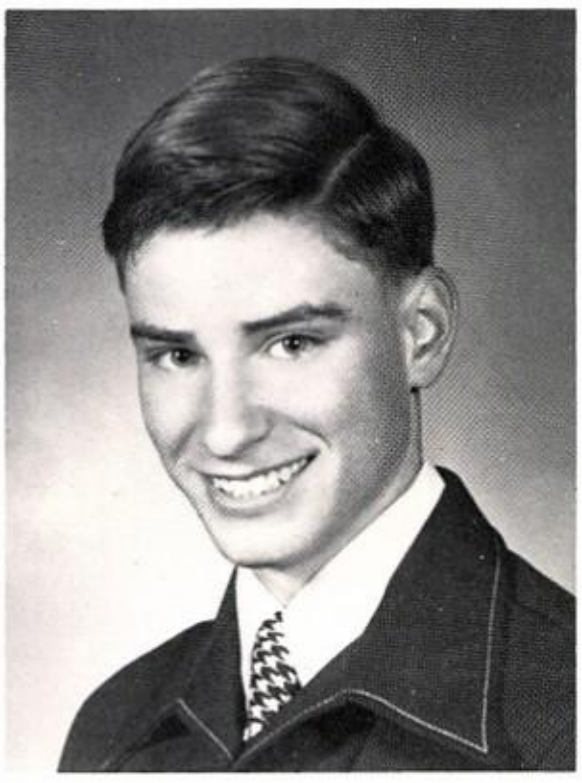

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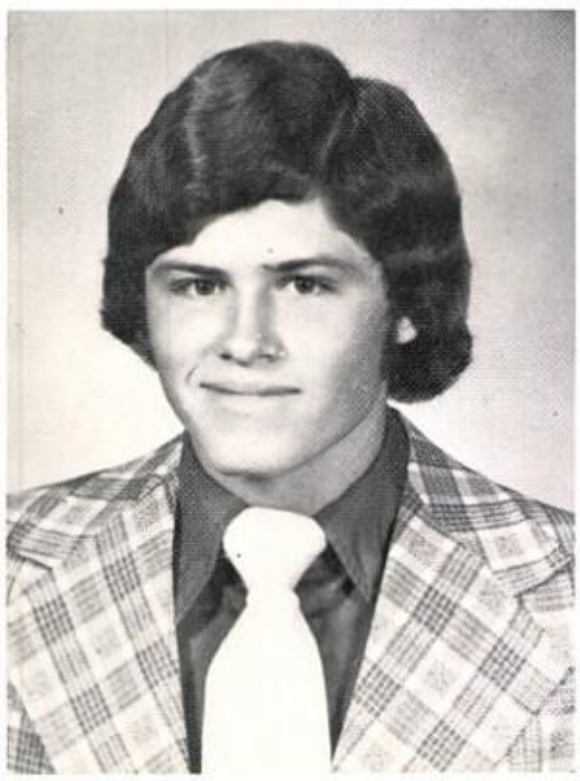

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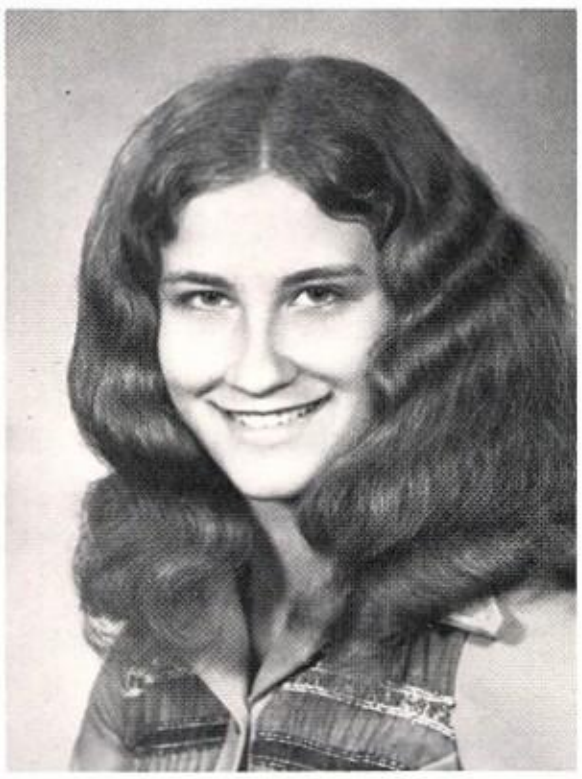

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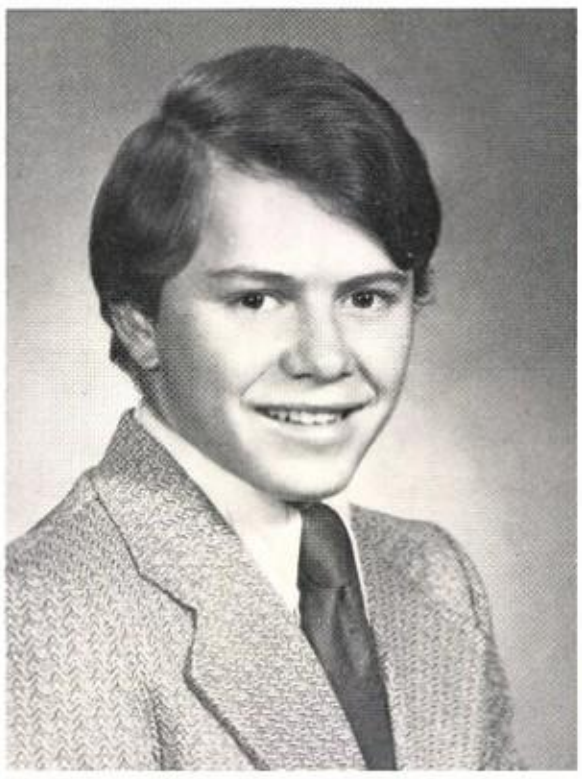

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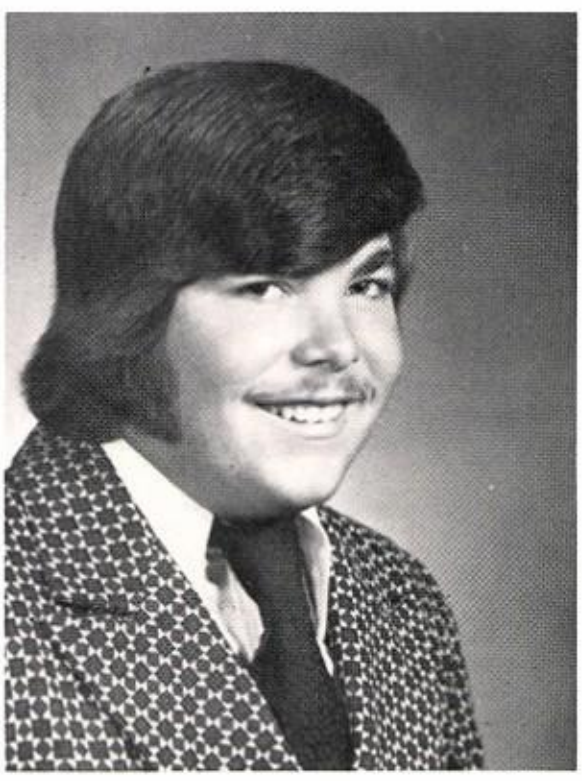

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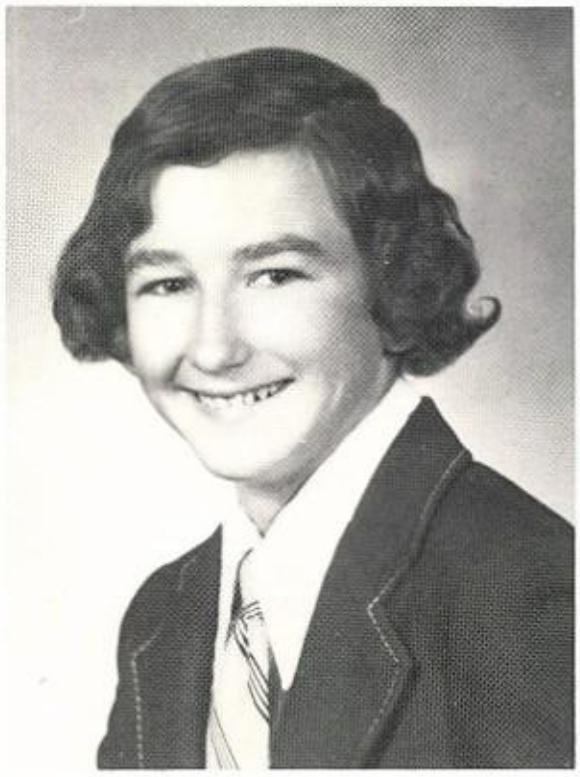

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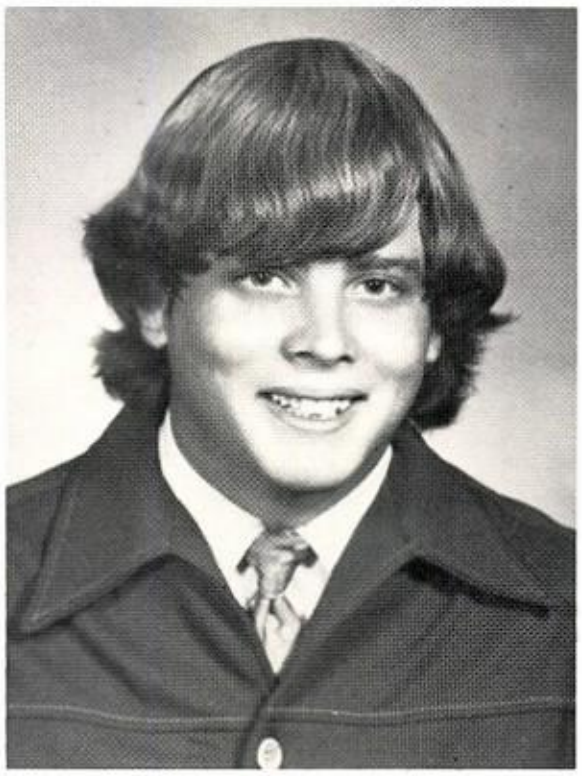

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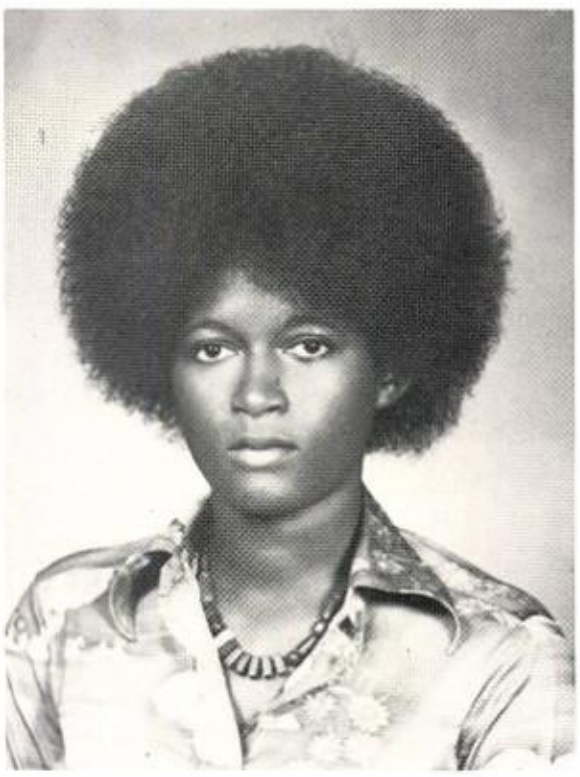

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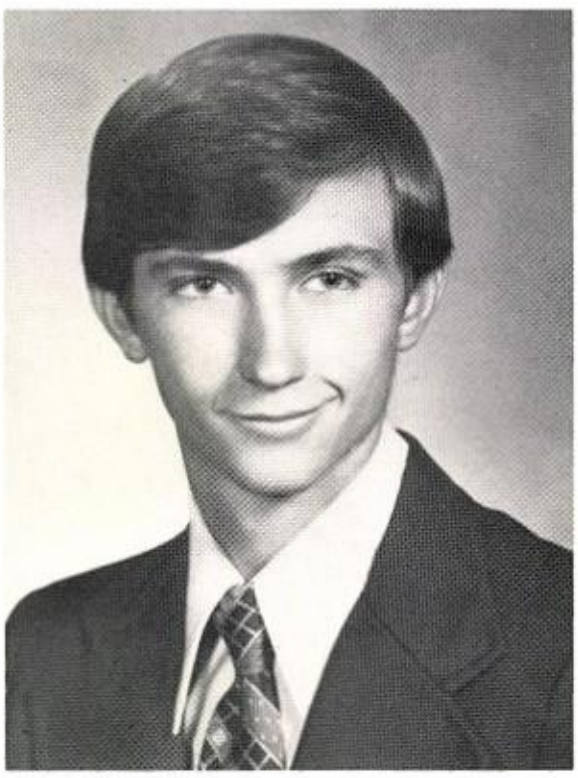

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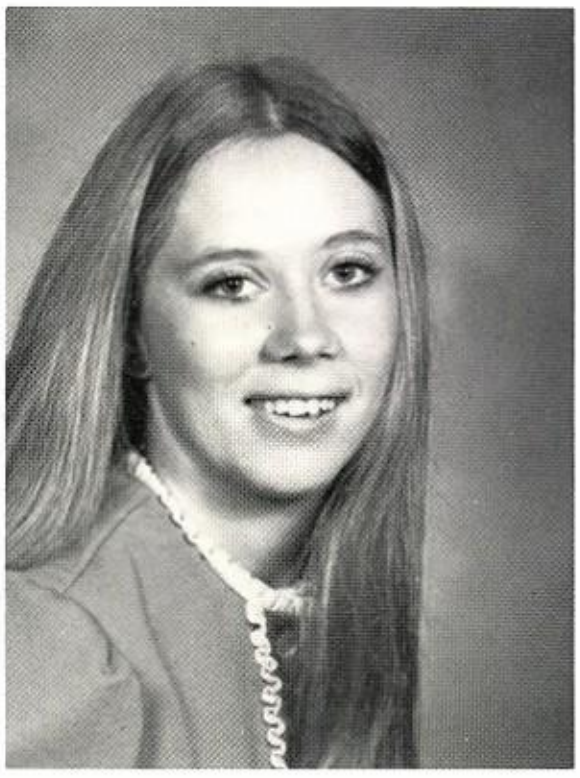

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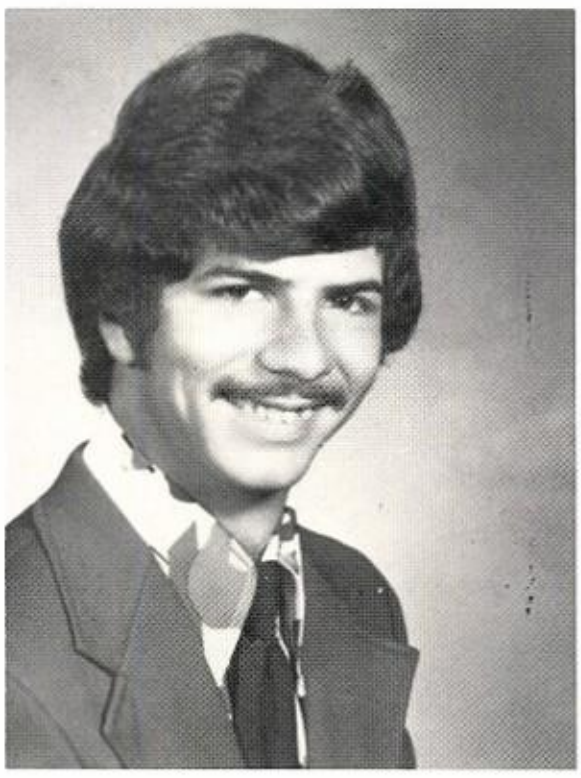

Jay Wright

This has been one of our busiest years. Fund raising activities to finance the Junior-Senior Prom and Banquet were discussed early in the year. Mike Allen, Stacy Musgrove, Yvonne Stout, and Nita Skidmore worked diligently receiving cooperation from every class member in this -

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OUR THIRD YEAR IN P.H.S.

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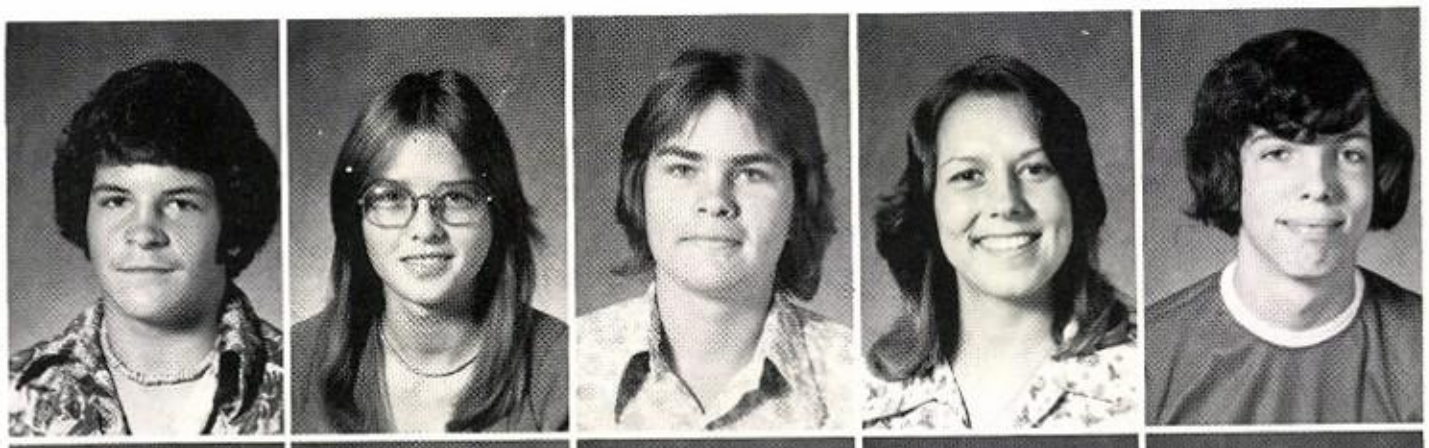
Bailey, Kelly
Bailey, Tom



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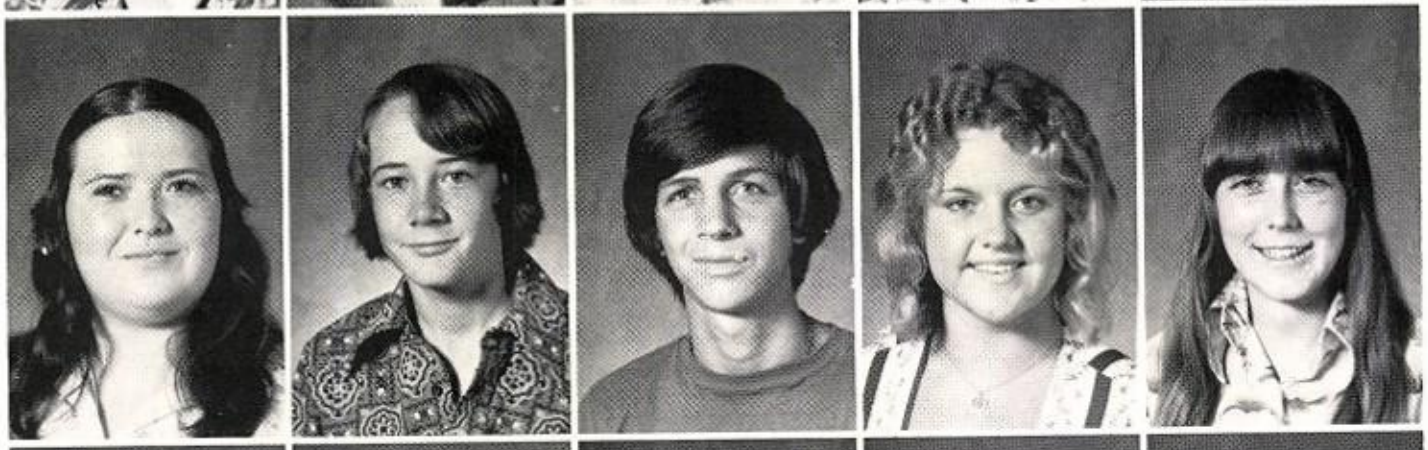

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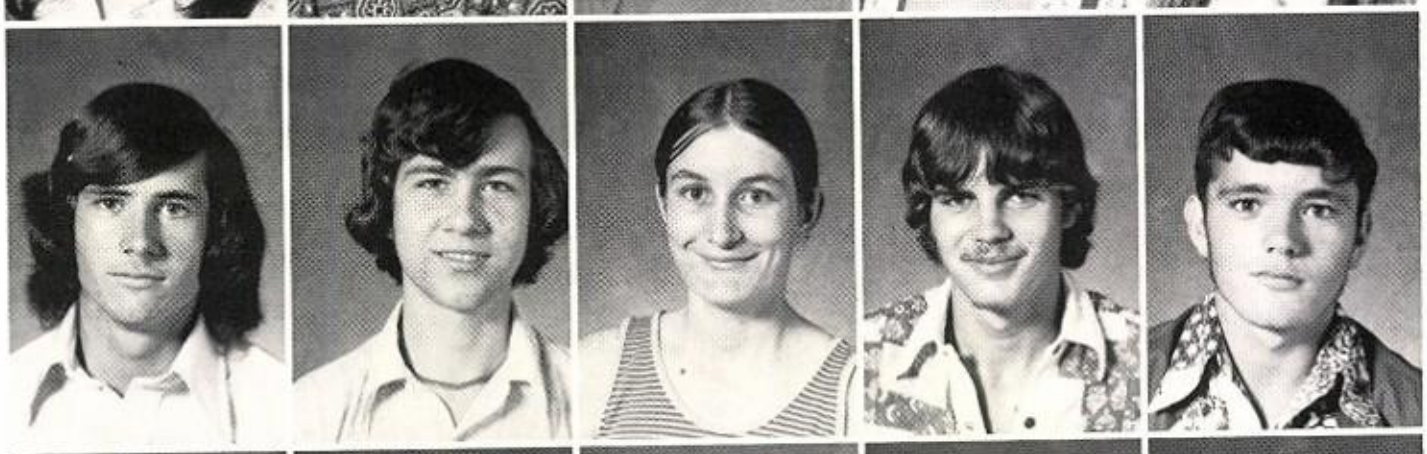

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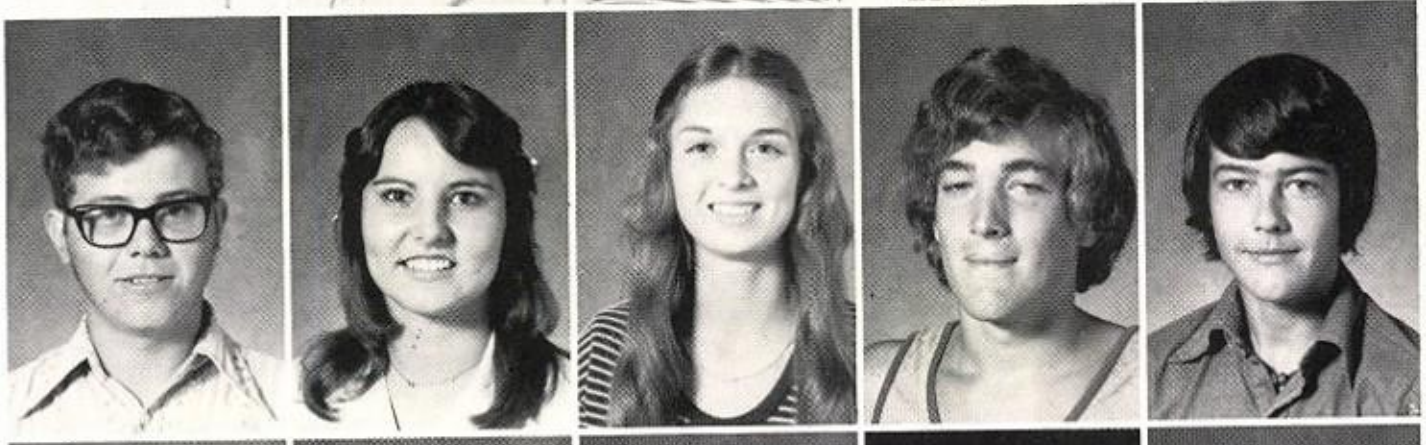

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Henry, Marvin
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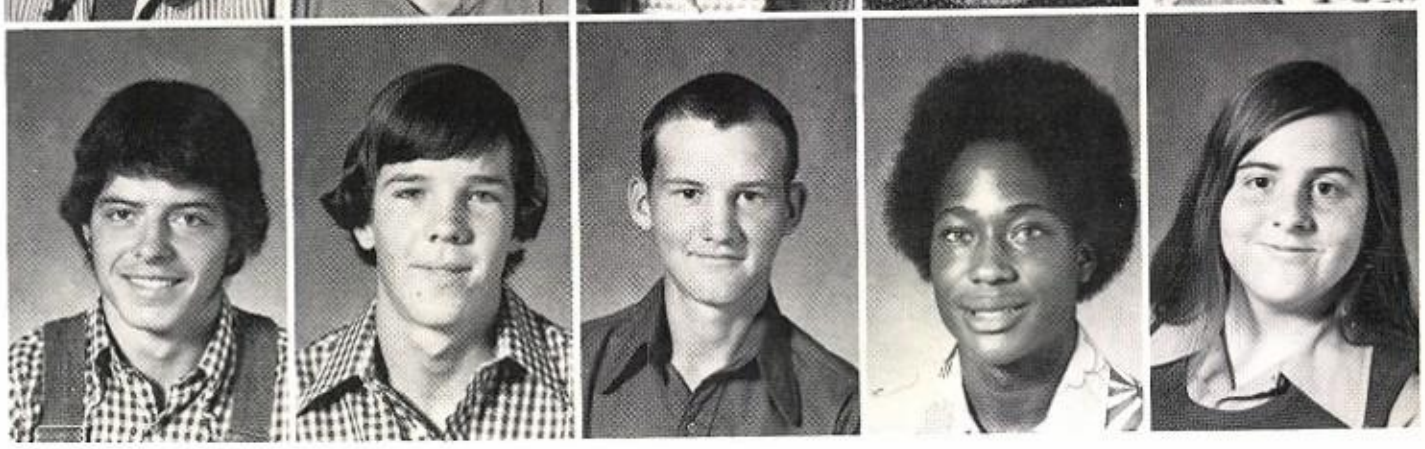

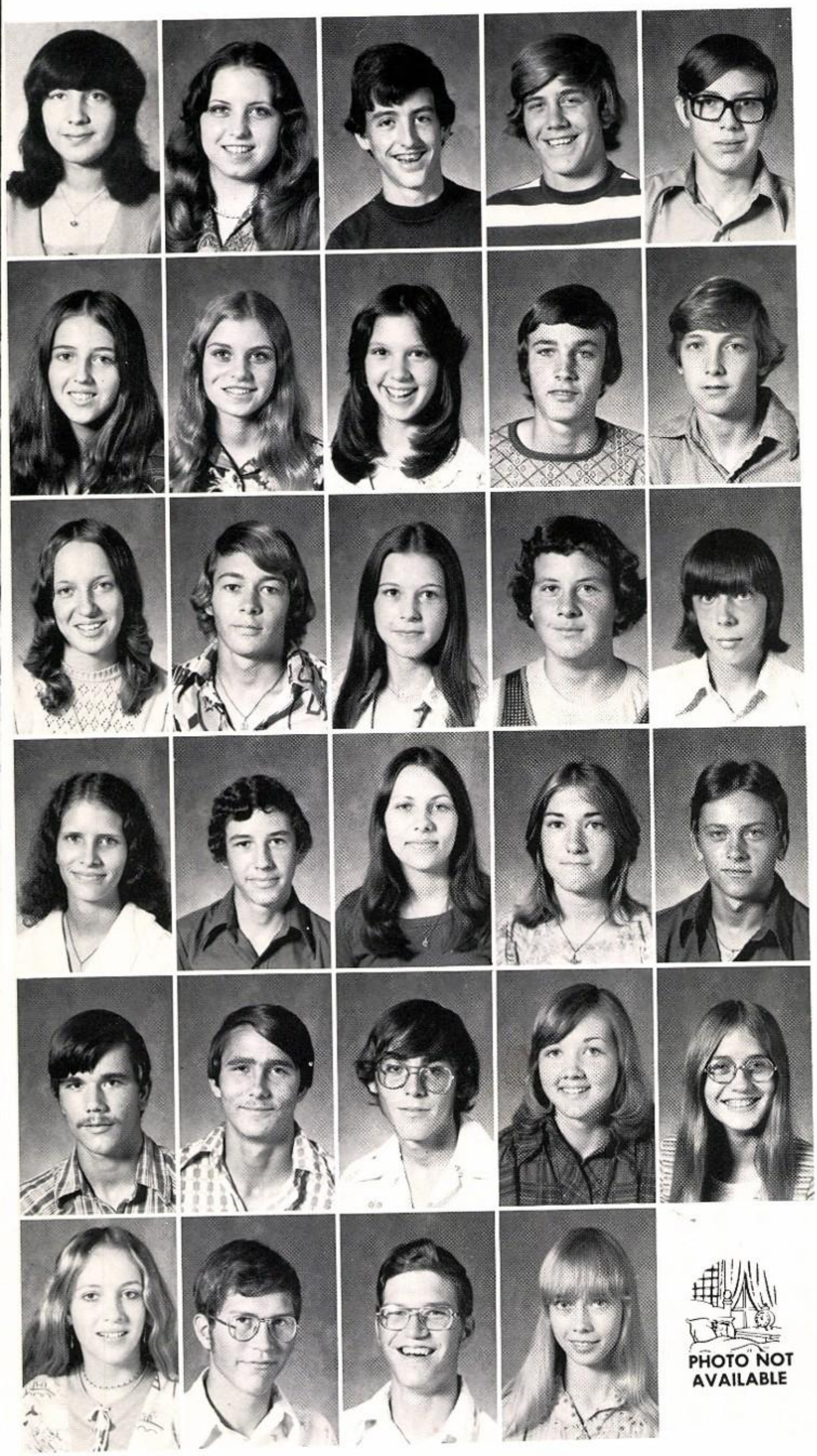

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Logsdon, Sherry
Luttrell, Pam
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Martin, Charles

Merrill, Nancy
Merritt, Lukey
Miller, Cindy
Mitchell, Jay
Mitchell, Keith

Moore, Deborah
Morgan, Vandy
Morris, Joan
Morton, Janet
Musgrove, Stacy

Mullins, Tim
McDowra, Keith
Norwood, Rodney
O'Neal, Lisa
Outland, Jeannie

Page, Debbie
Parks, Donald
Parks, Ronald
Pendleton, Denise
Pitcock, Terry

Pyles, Ronnie
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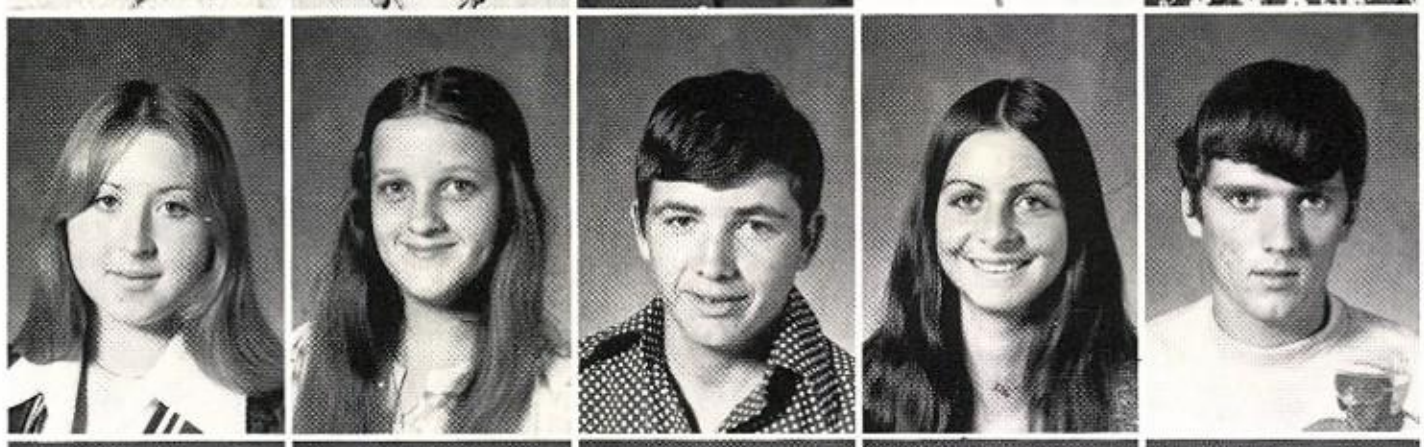
Smith, Garey



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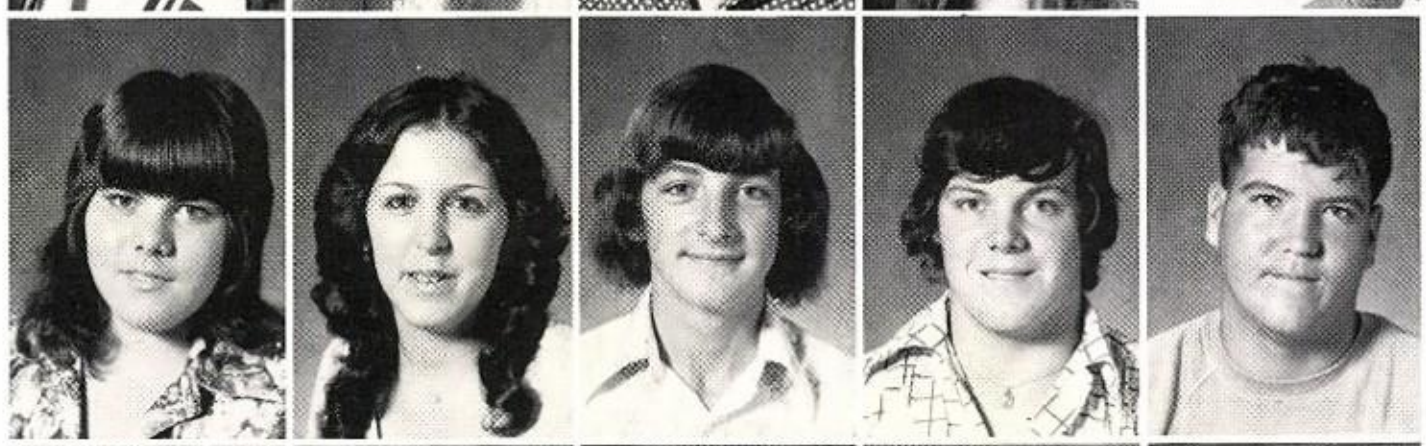

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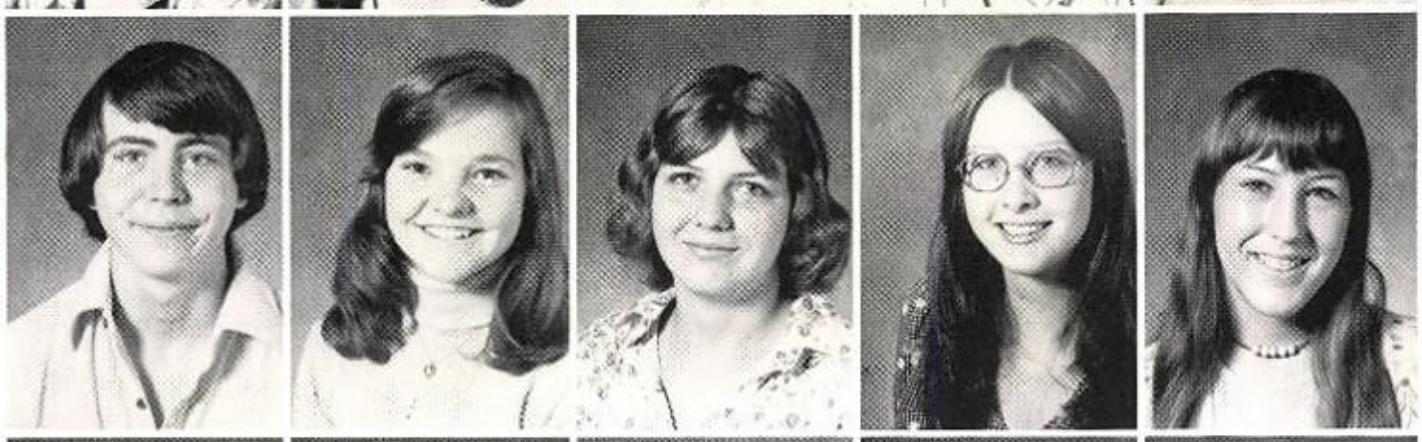

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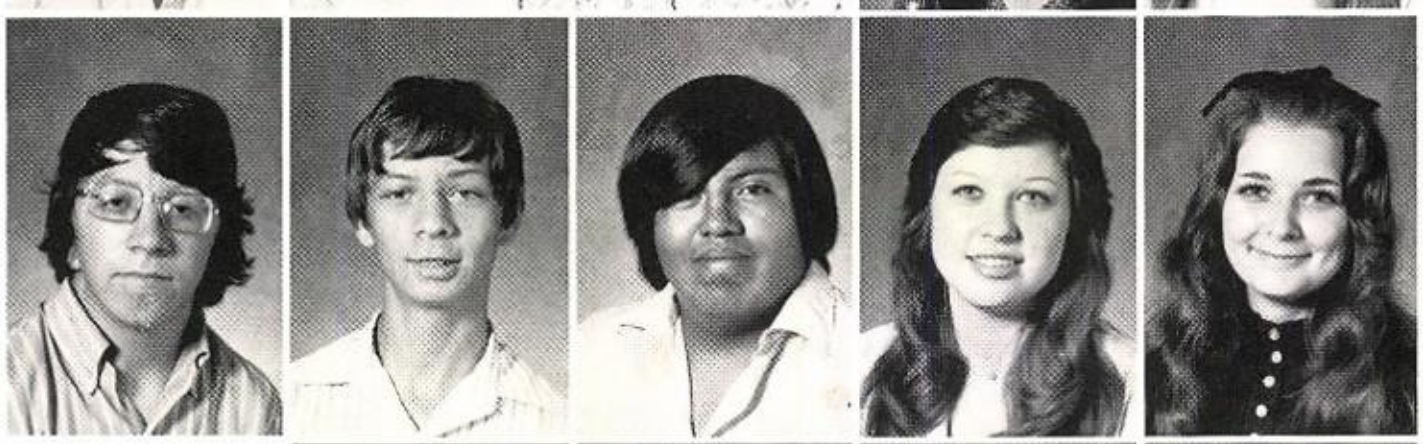

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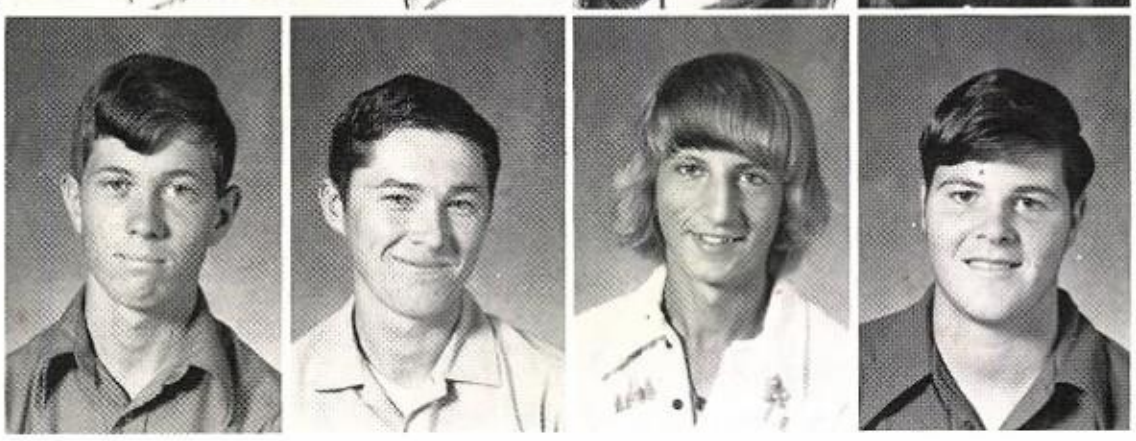

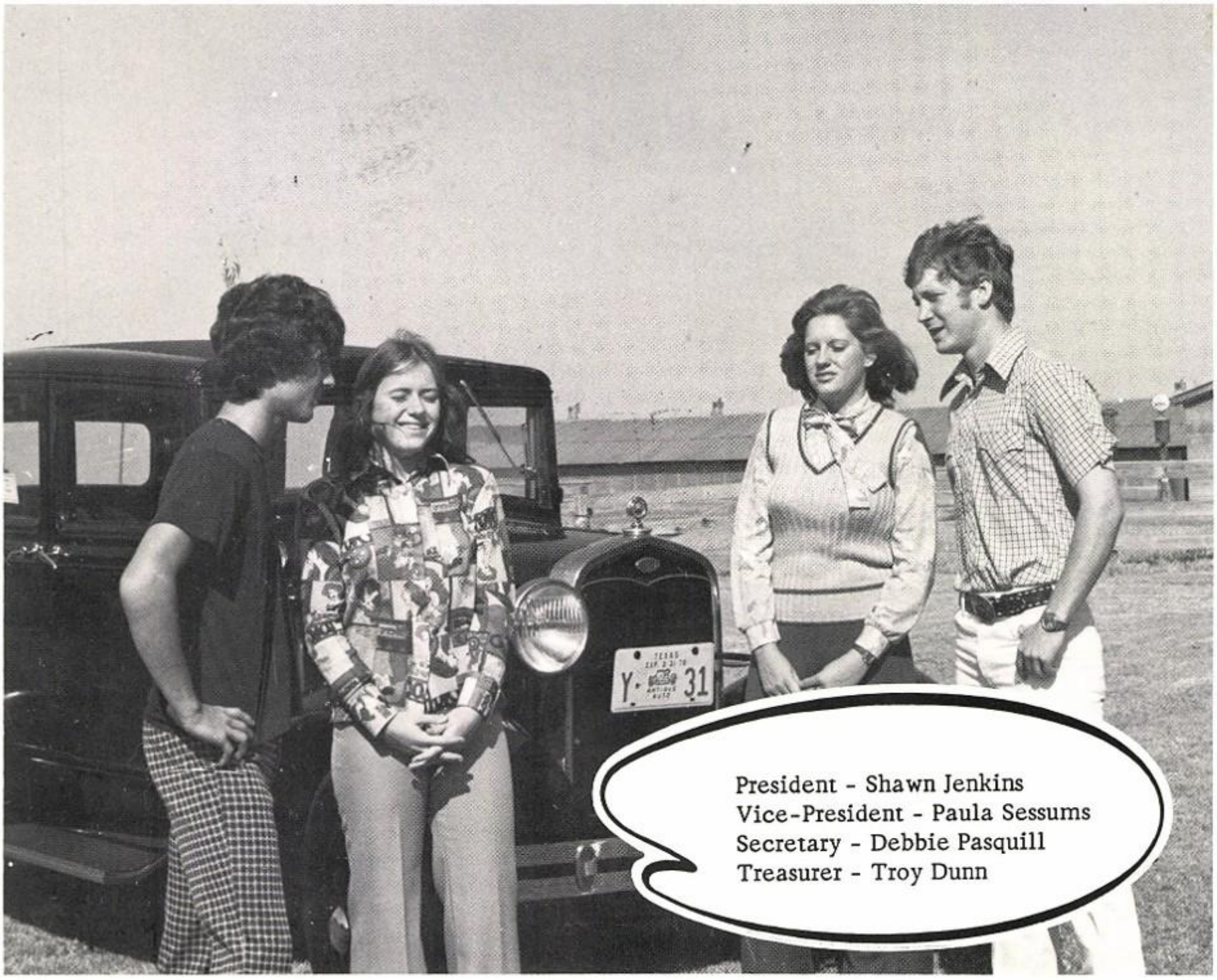

Although we sponsored no special events this year, our class has been very active in all school affairs. We have showed so much school spirit in pep rallies that we have won the Spirit Stick twice consecutively. Our class officers became aware of the responsibility that will be facing our class next year when we shall assume the role of host in sponsoring the most important social events of the school year. Shawn Jenkins, Paula Sessums, Debbie Pasquill, and Troy Dunn have performed their duties with acquired ease in this -

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OUR SECOND YEAR AT P.H.S.

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Anderson, Jimmy
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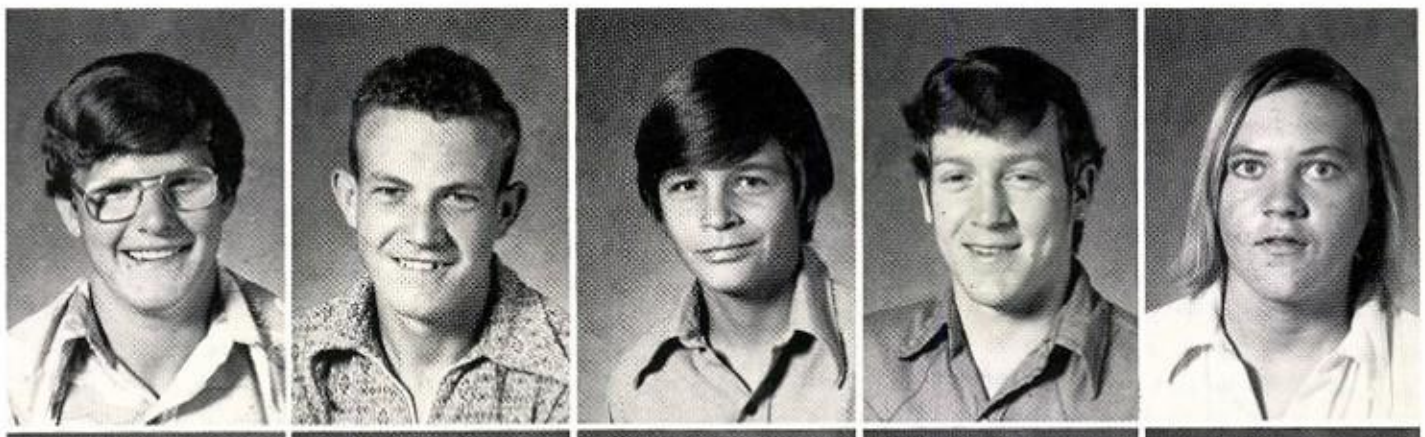
Bates, Mark
Bettis, Phil



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Coleman, Sharon

Crossland, Keith
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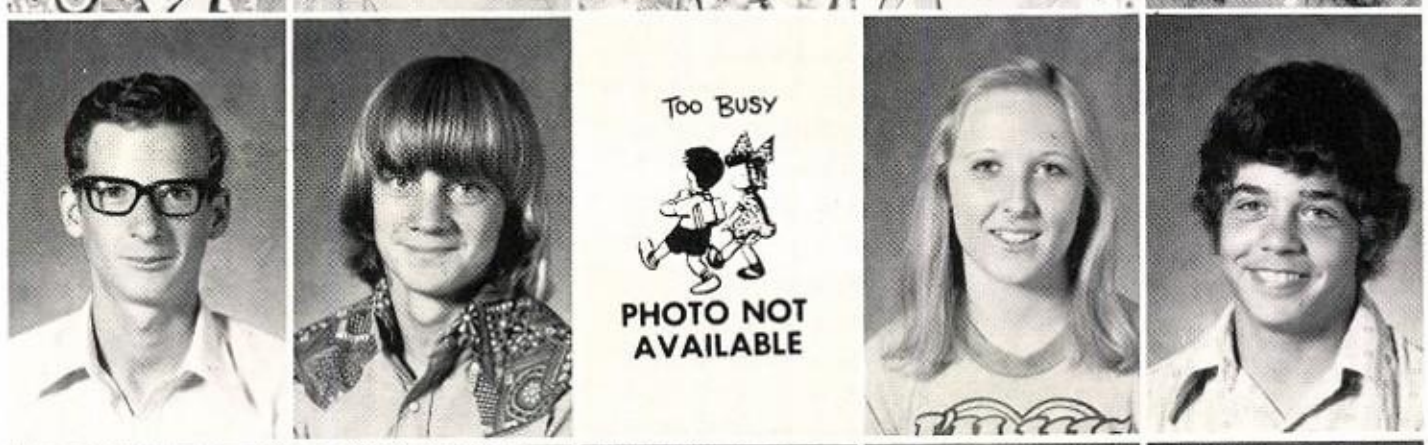
Davidson, Shelia
Davis, Dickie



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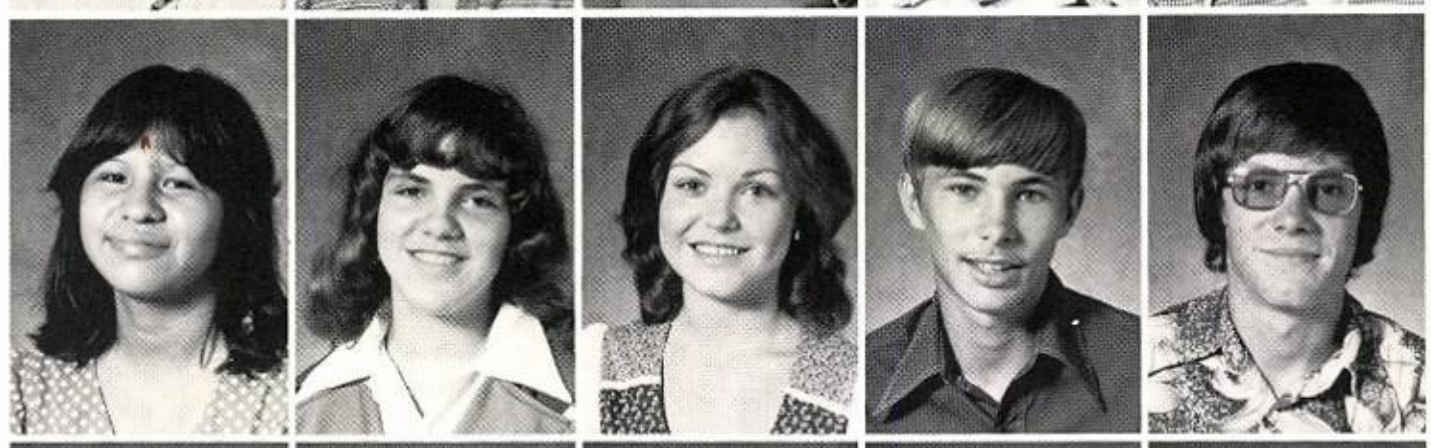
Gray, Mark



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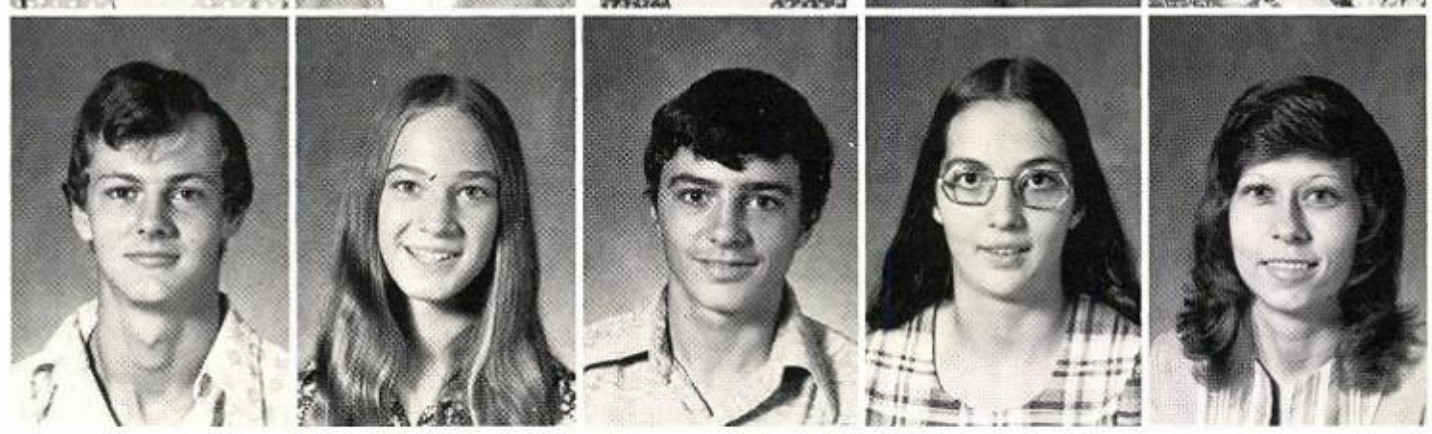

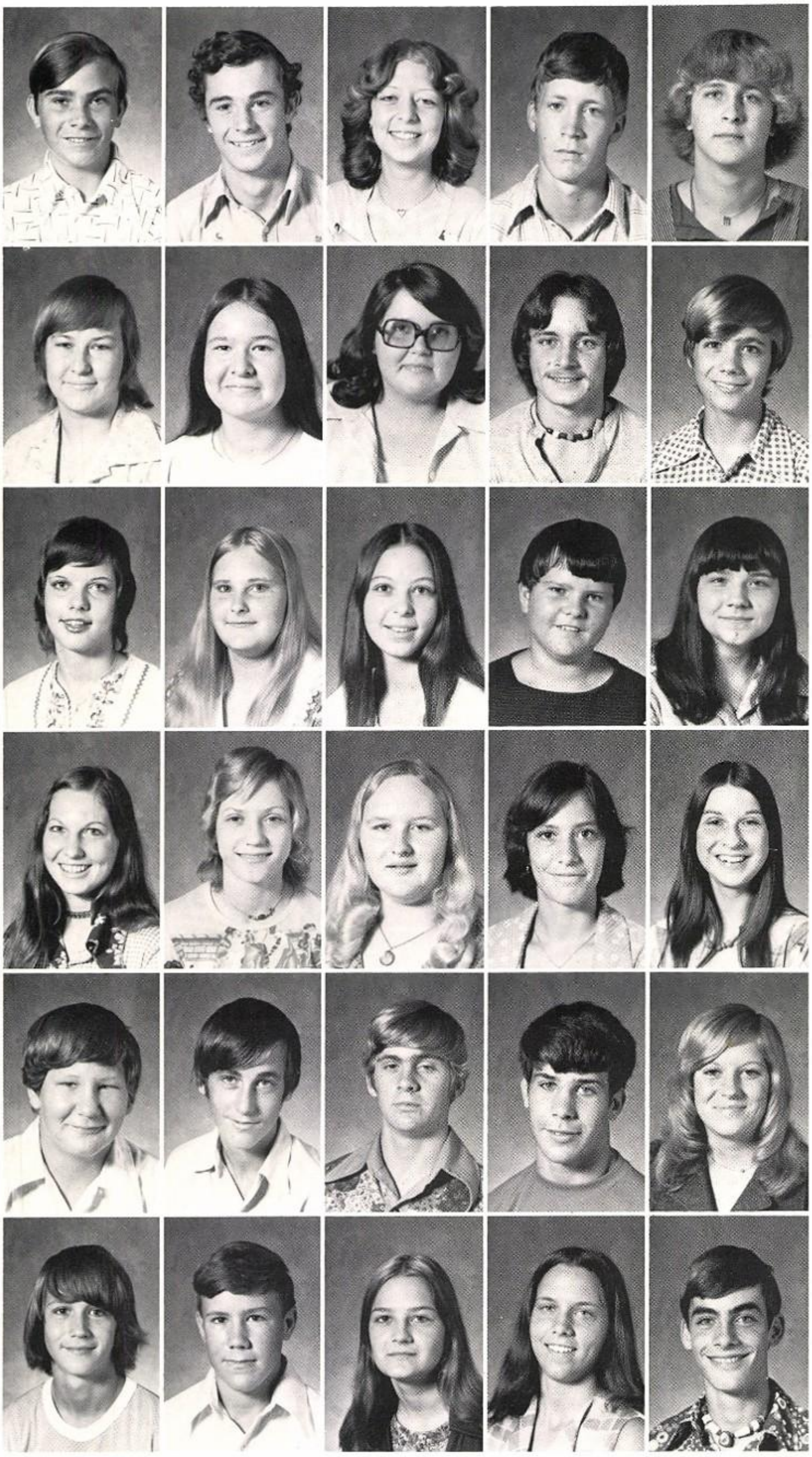

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Jones, Matt

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Johnston, Vickie
Karras, Jean
Kincaid, Mickey
Klempin, Keith

Klinkerman, Kim
Malone, Nita
Miller, Kay
Morris, Rusty
Mullins, Sandra

McEntyre, Martha
McKnight, Fran
Neel, Sandra
Newman, Connie
Nichols, Becky

Nichols, Kerry
Ogg, Paul
Outland, Larry
Parsons, Greg
Pasquill, Deborah

Philpot, Doug
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Rater, Debra
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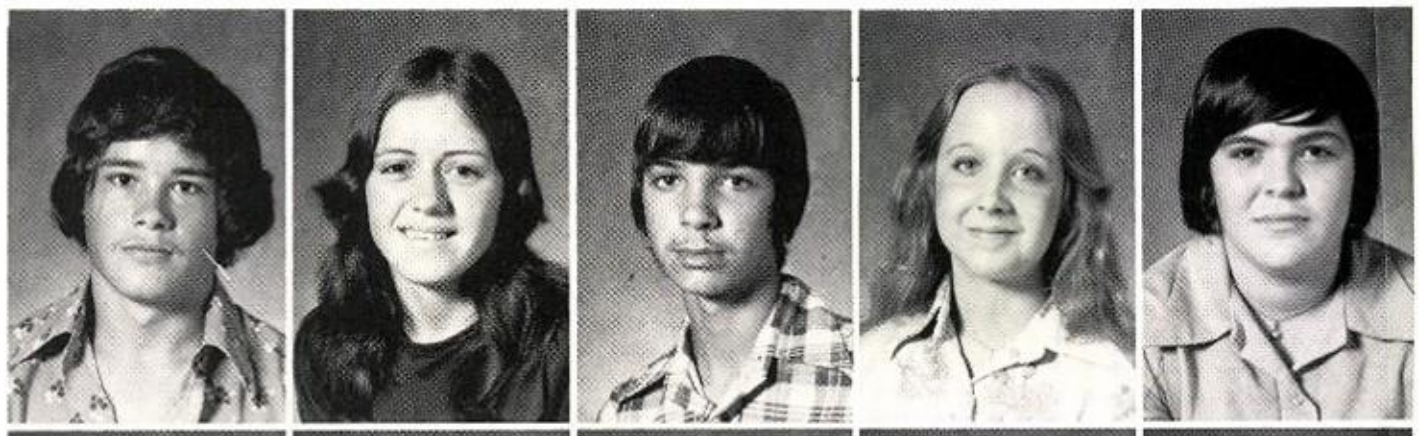

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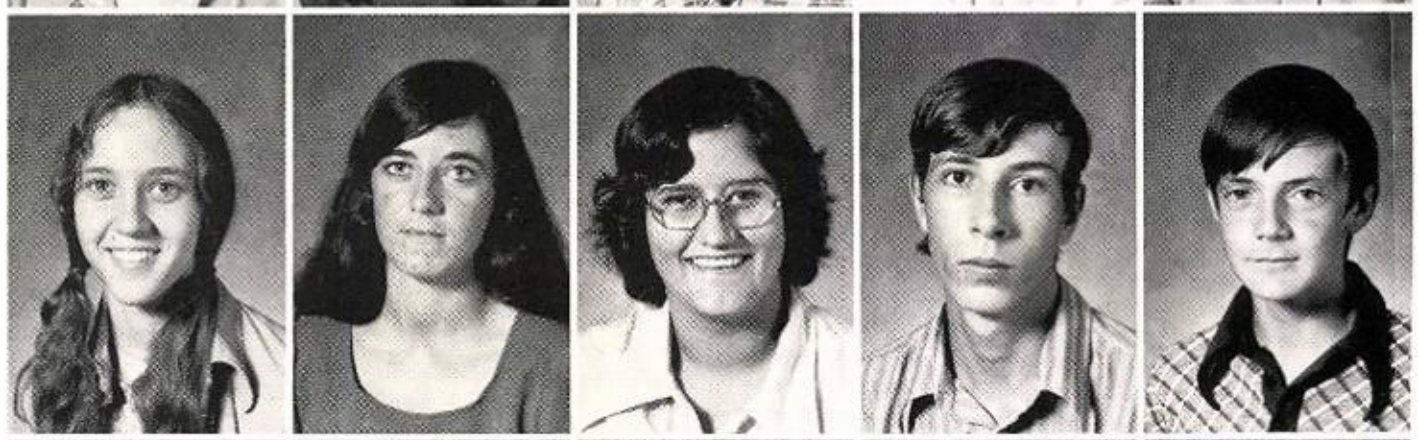

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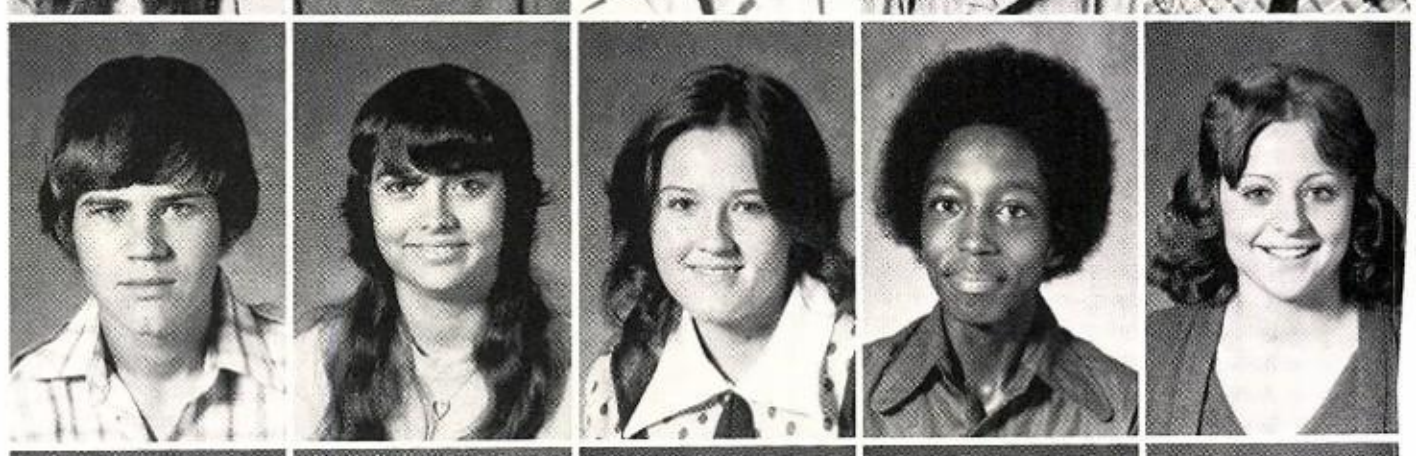

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Womack, Tim
Young, Marty

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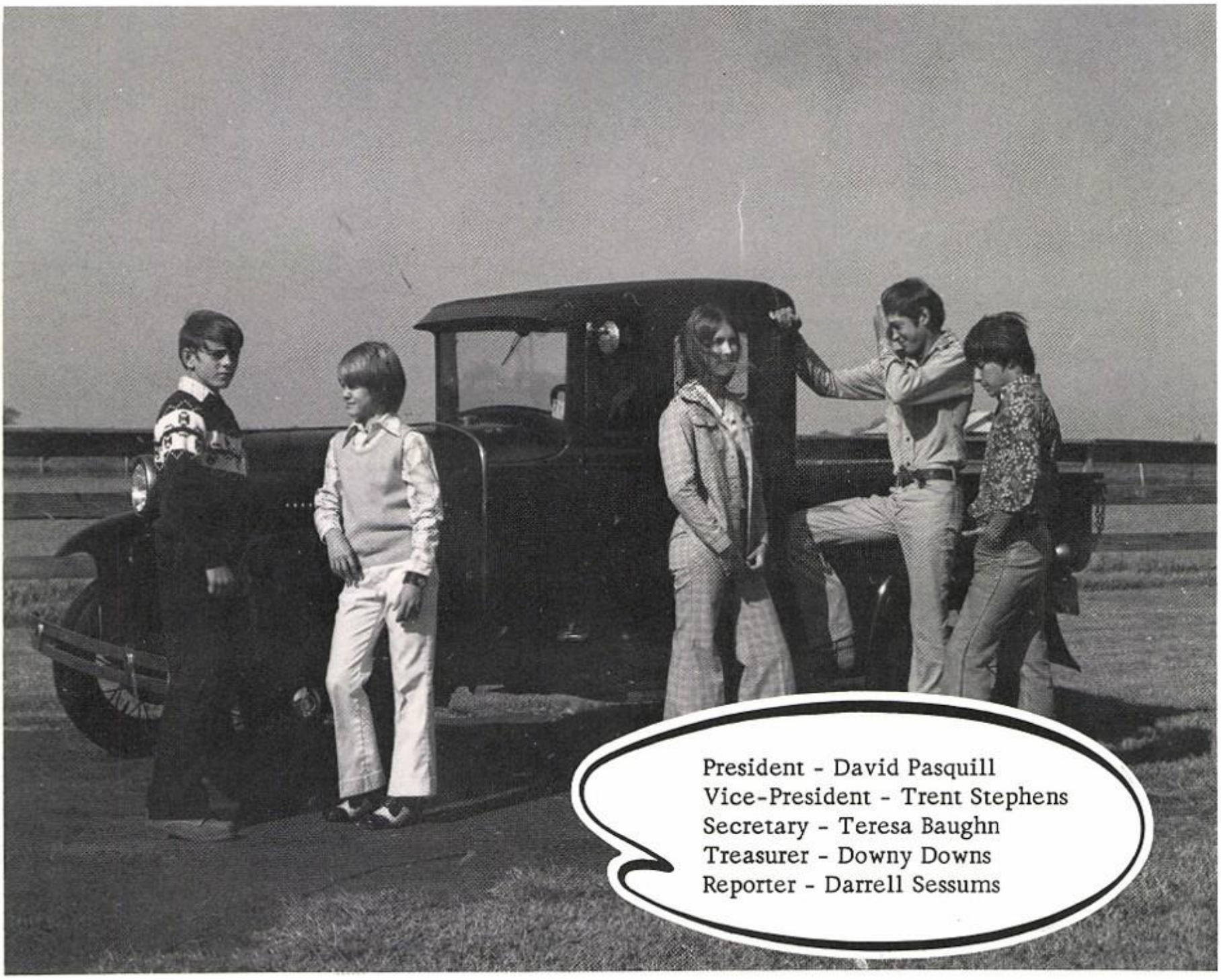
President - David Pasquill
Vice-President - Trent Stephens
Secretary - Teresa Baughn
Treasurer - Downy Downs
Reporter - Darrell Sessums

During our last years in Junior High we were considered as the "elite" just as the Seniors are in their final year of high school. This all changed August, 1975, when we found our position to be the lowest as far as seniority was concerned. With the contribution of our part to life at P.H.S., our year has been a great one.

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OUR FIRST YEAR AT P.H.S.

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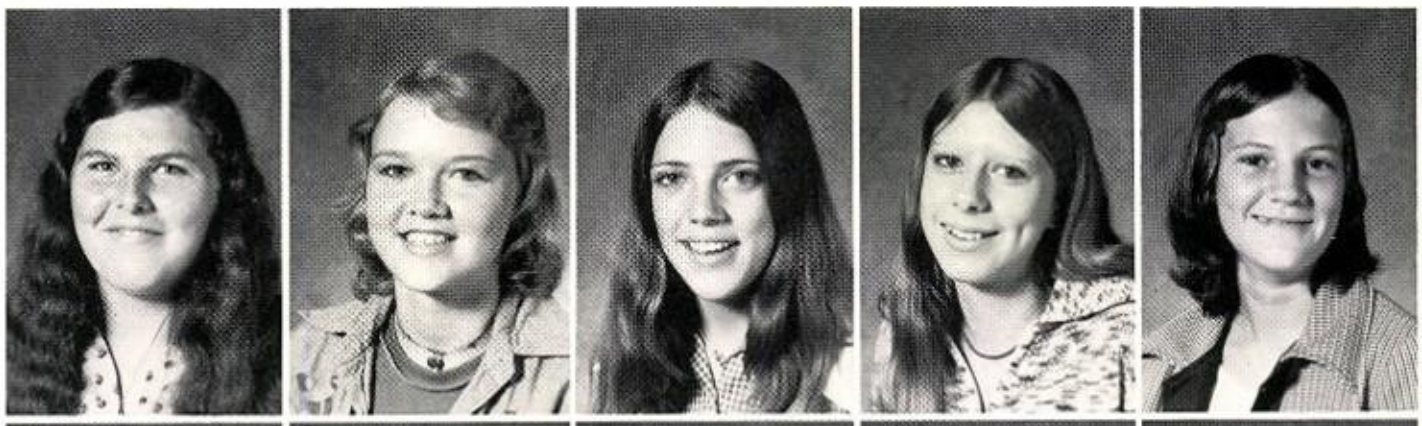
Allen, Nan
Barker, Amanda
Barnett, Peggy
Basinger, Coralea



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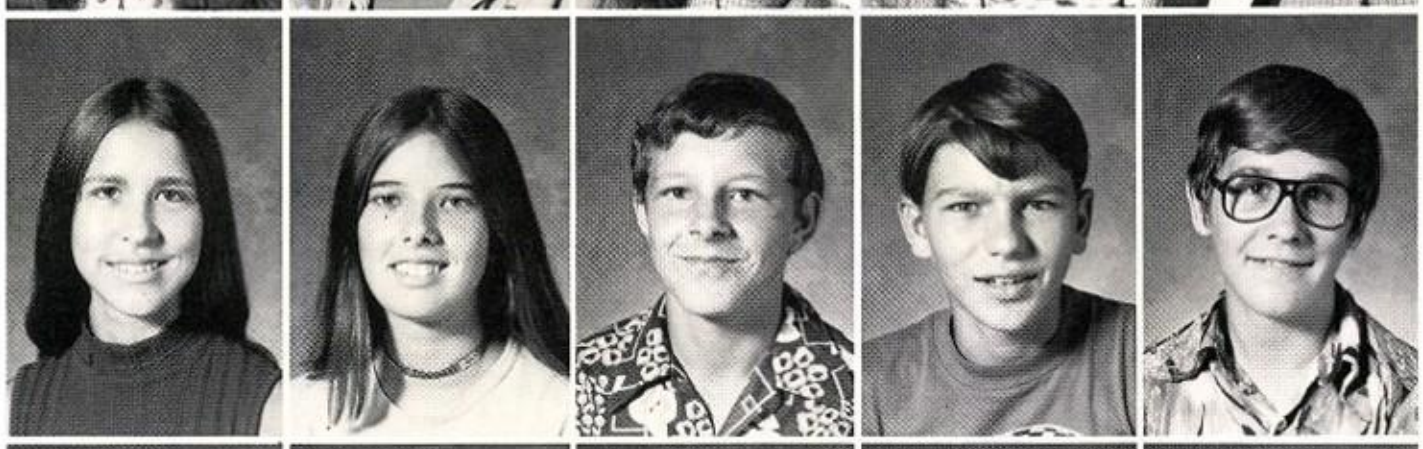

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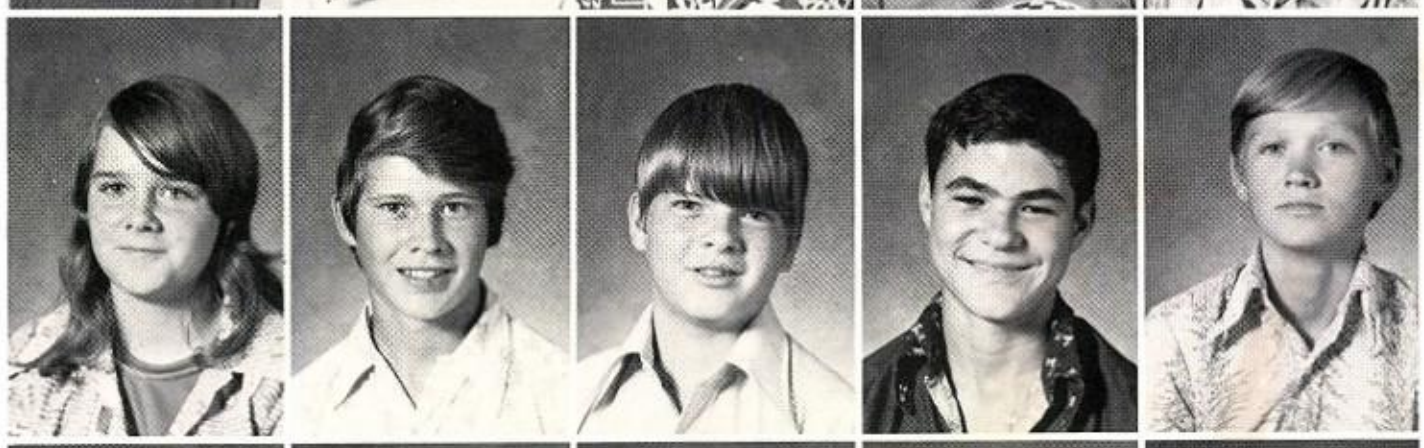

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Fults, Mona

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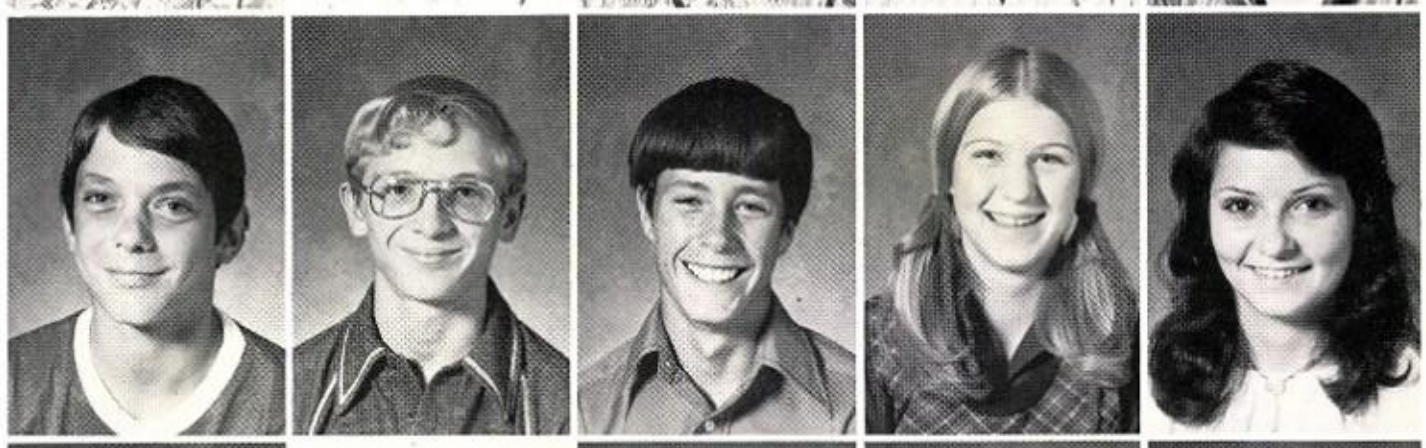
Haley, Karen



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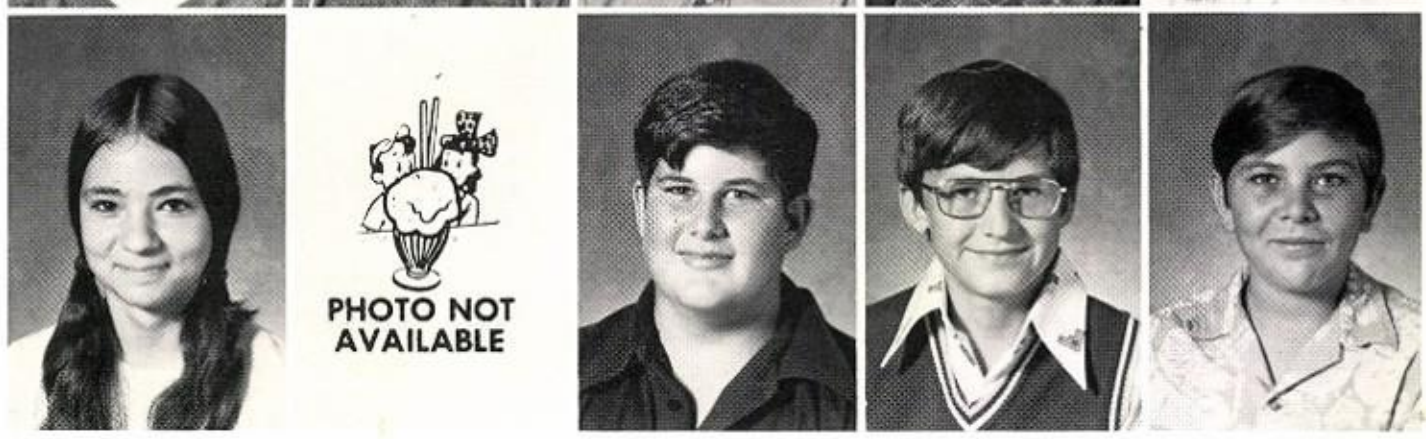

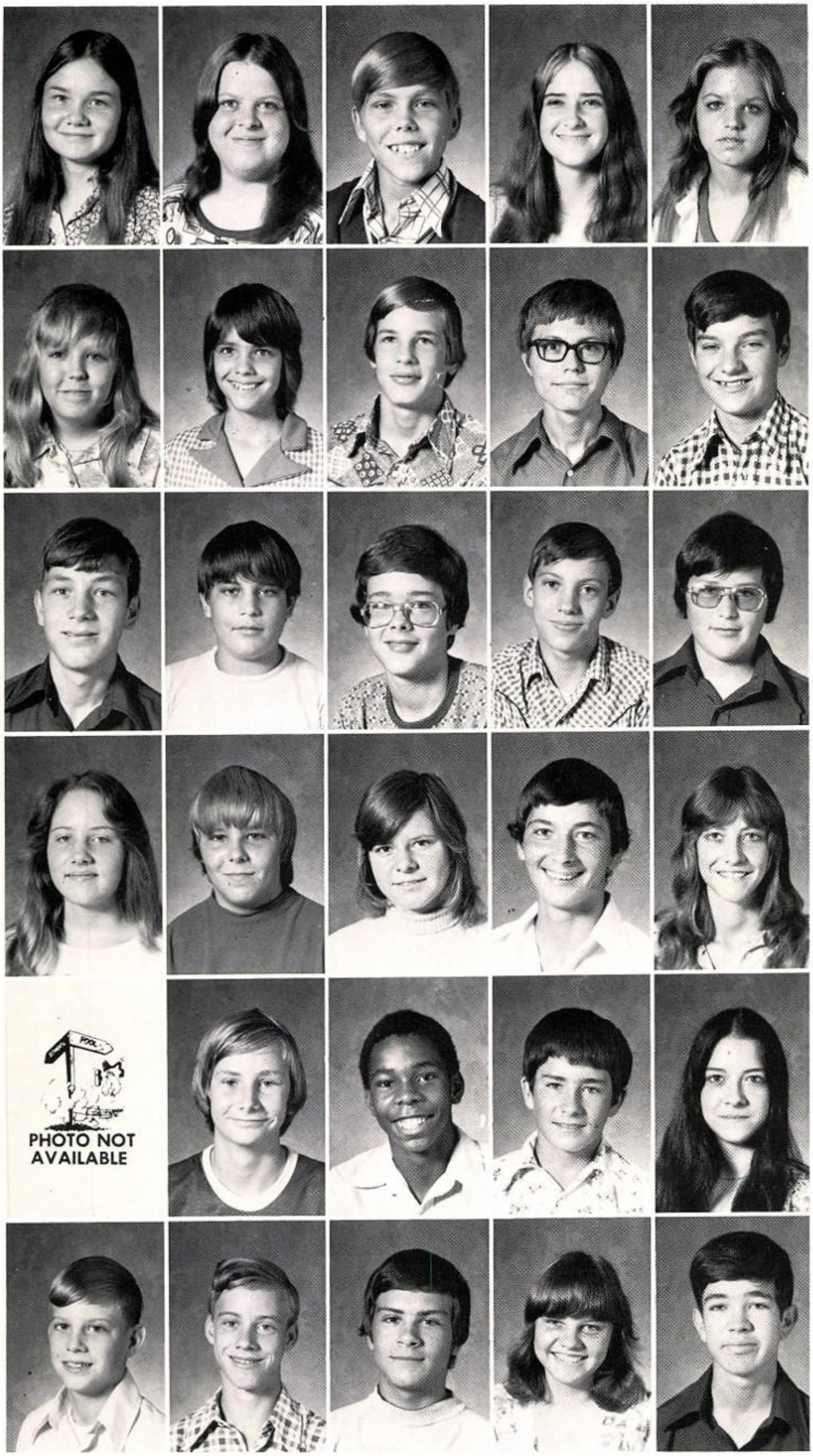

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Johnson, Tanya

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Klinkerman, Kent
Kyle, Glenn
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Lane, Bobby
Malone, Jerry
Malone, Tony
Merrill, John
Merritt, Marty

Merritt, Theresa
Miller, Gary
Mitchell, Rebecca
Moore, Larry
Moore, Rhonda

McEntire, Bill
Nixon, Keith
Owens, Tommy
Pasquill, David
Pitts, Patti

Ramsey, Tommy
Reves, Rickey
Rhoades, Rickey
Richardson, Willie
Mae
Russell, Don

Russell, Tim
Seat, Billy Don
Sessums, Carol
Sessums, Darrell
Stephens, Trent

Stinson, Lee Ann
Stout, Mitchell
Strickland, Paul
Swint, Mark
Smith, Michael

Weissinger, Donald
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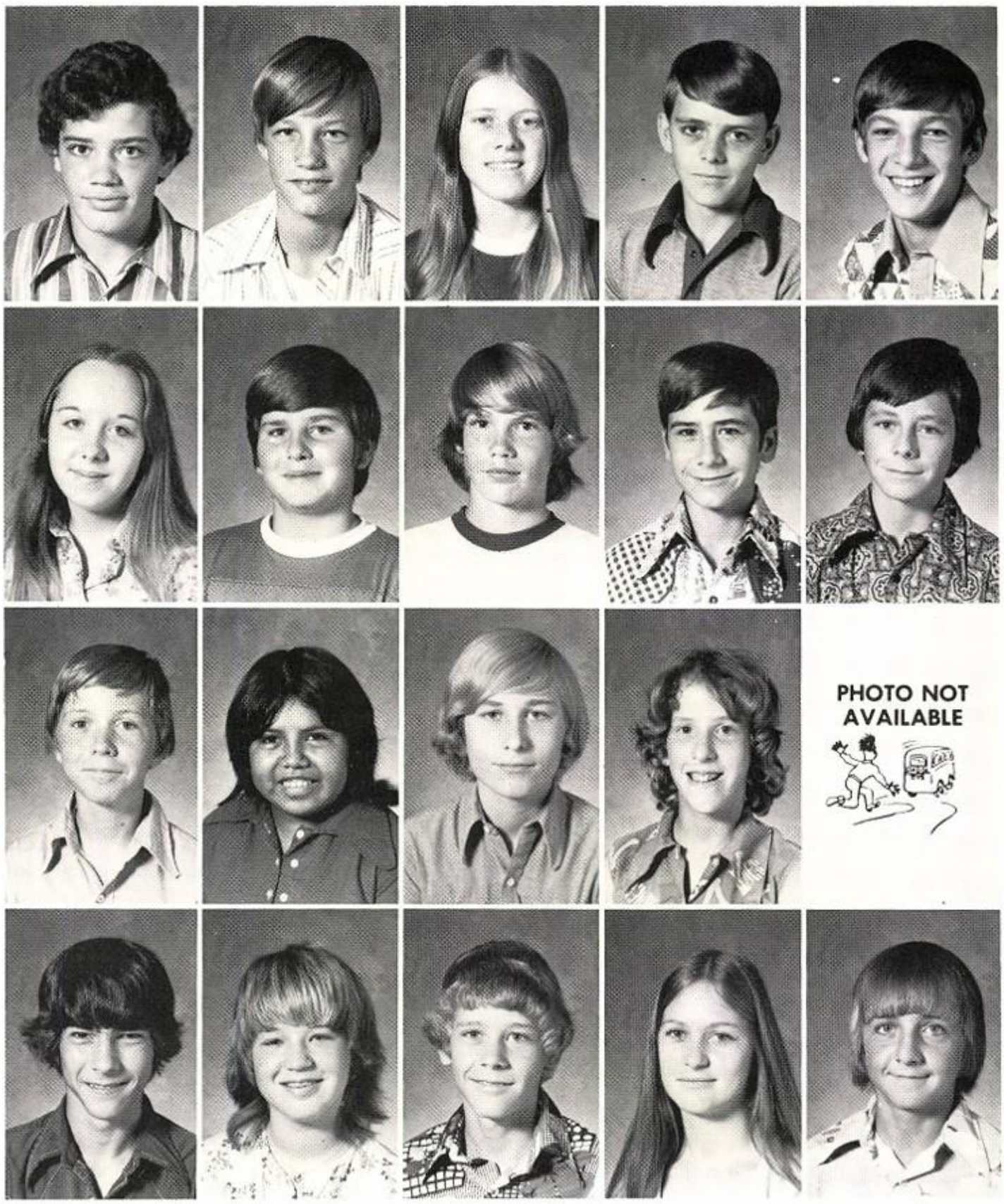

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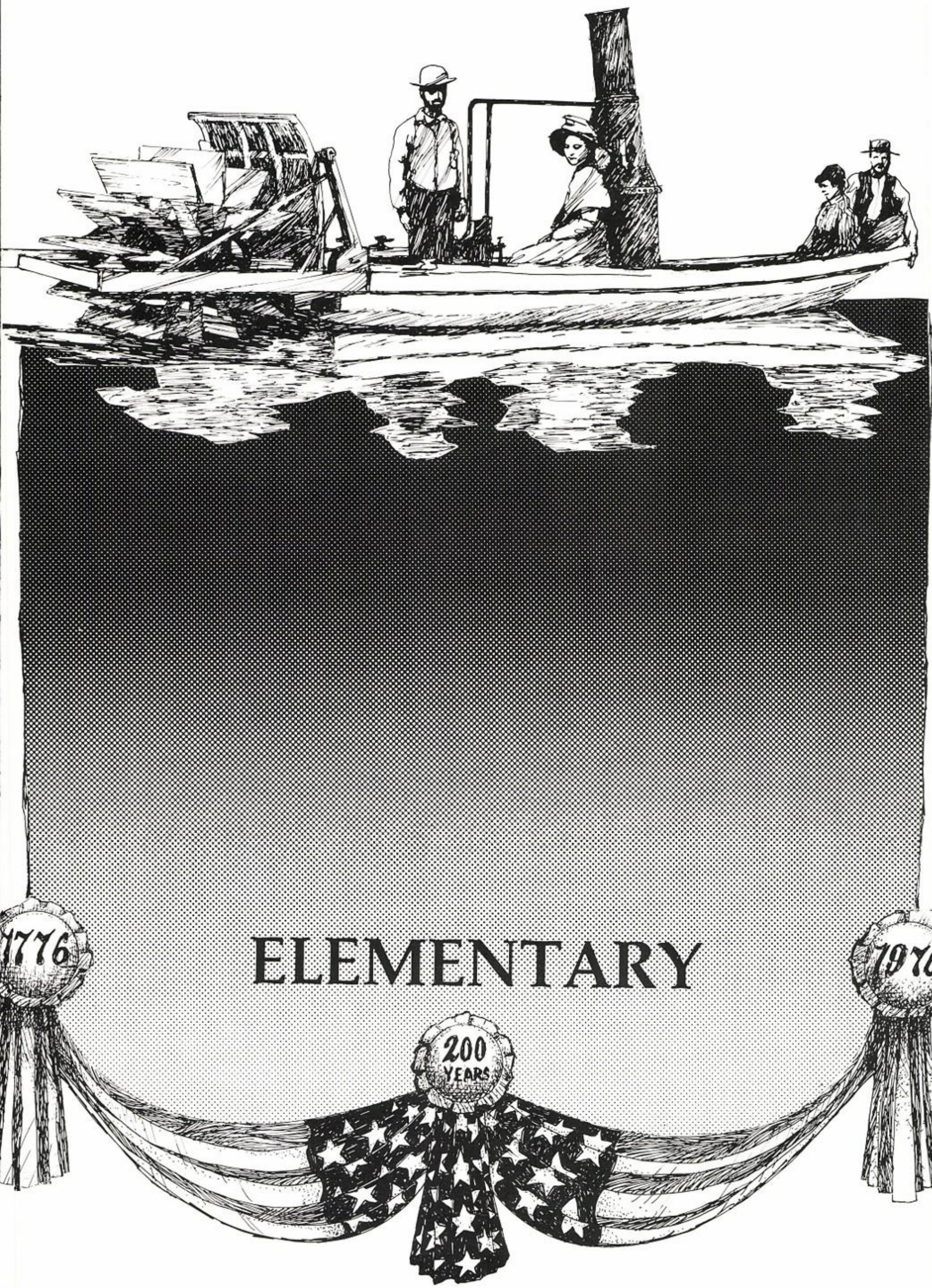

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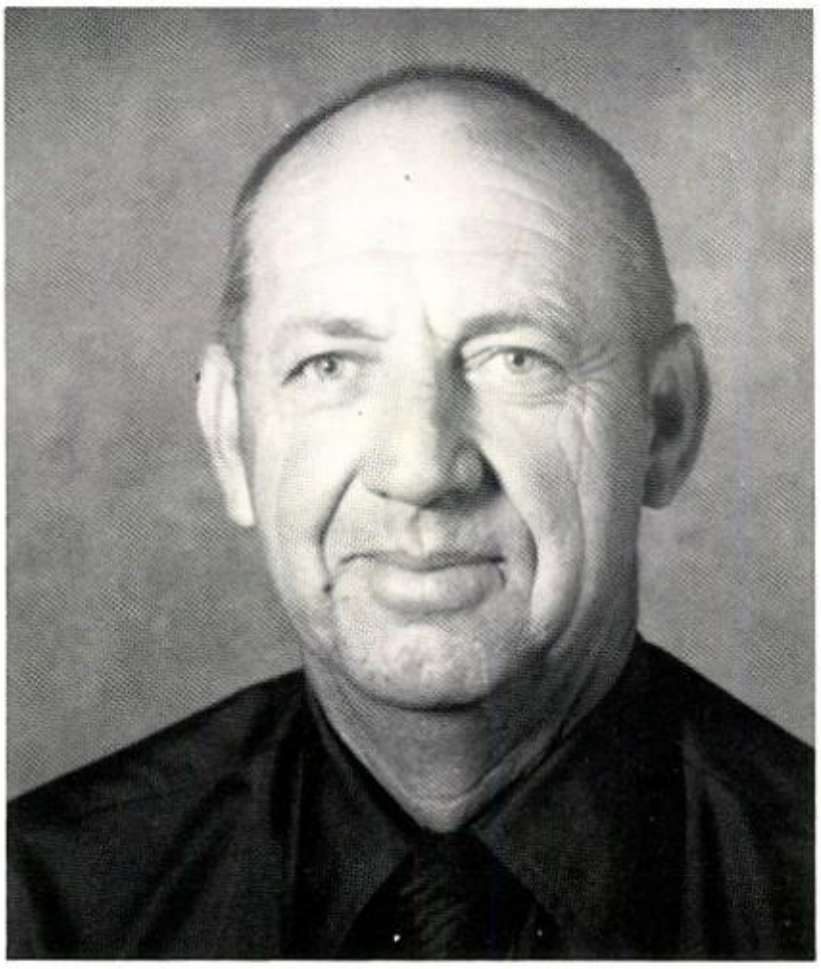


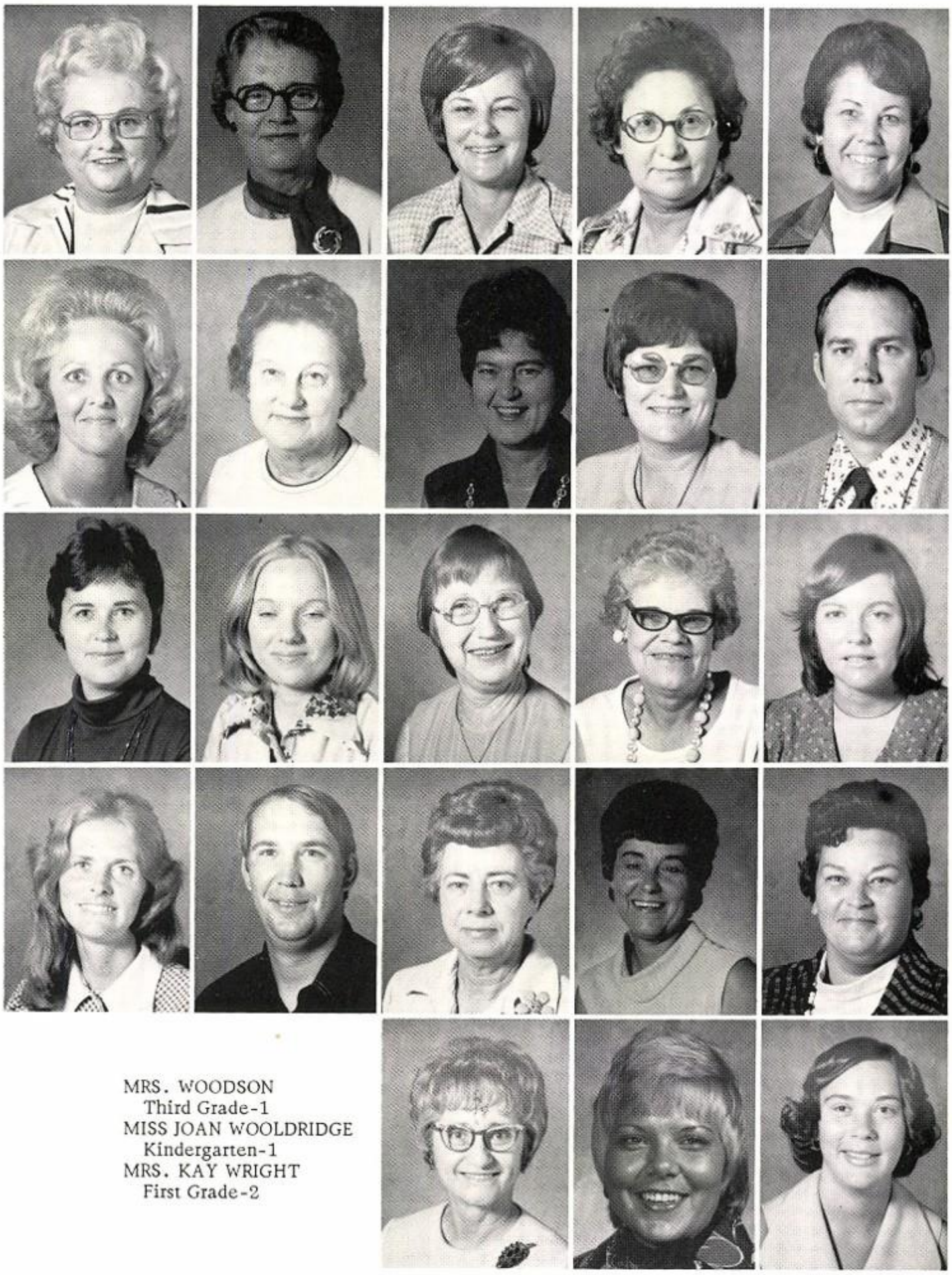
MR. JAMES LOWERY
Junior High Principal

MR. WILLIAM GEER
Elementary Principal

OFFICE PERSONNEL

MRS. FRANKIE YOUNG
Secretary

FACULTY



MRS. MARY HELEN ALLEN
Remedial Aide
MRS. BLACK
Second Grade-2
MISS CYNTHIA BURKS
Eighth Grade-2
MRS. GEORGIA BUZBEE
Plan A Teacher
MRS. IVY MAE FENDLEY
Grade-1

MRS. JO ANN GERRINGER
First Grade-1
MRS. LOIS GRIFFIN
Fourth Grade
MRS. DORA HEAD
Fourth Grade
MRS. GLENDA HATCHER
Eighth Grade-2
MR. JOHNNY HATCHER
Sixth Grade-1

MRS. BEVERLY HUMPHREY
Aide
MRS. LOER
First Grade-3
MRS. MARY JANE LOWRY
Plan A Aide
MRS. ELLA MADDOX
Remedial Teacher
MRS. HELEN RESSLER
Third Grade

MRS. ALICE SILVER
Kindergarten-2
MR. WILLIAM SILVER
Seventh Grade
MRS. MYRTLE SINGLETON
Fifth Grade-1
MRS. STINSON
Sixth Grade-2
MRS. KATHERINE SUGG
Fifth Grade-2

MRS. WOODSON
Third Grade-1
MISS JOAN WOOLDRIDGE
Kindergarten-1
MRS. KAY WRIGHT
First Grade-2

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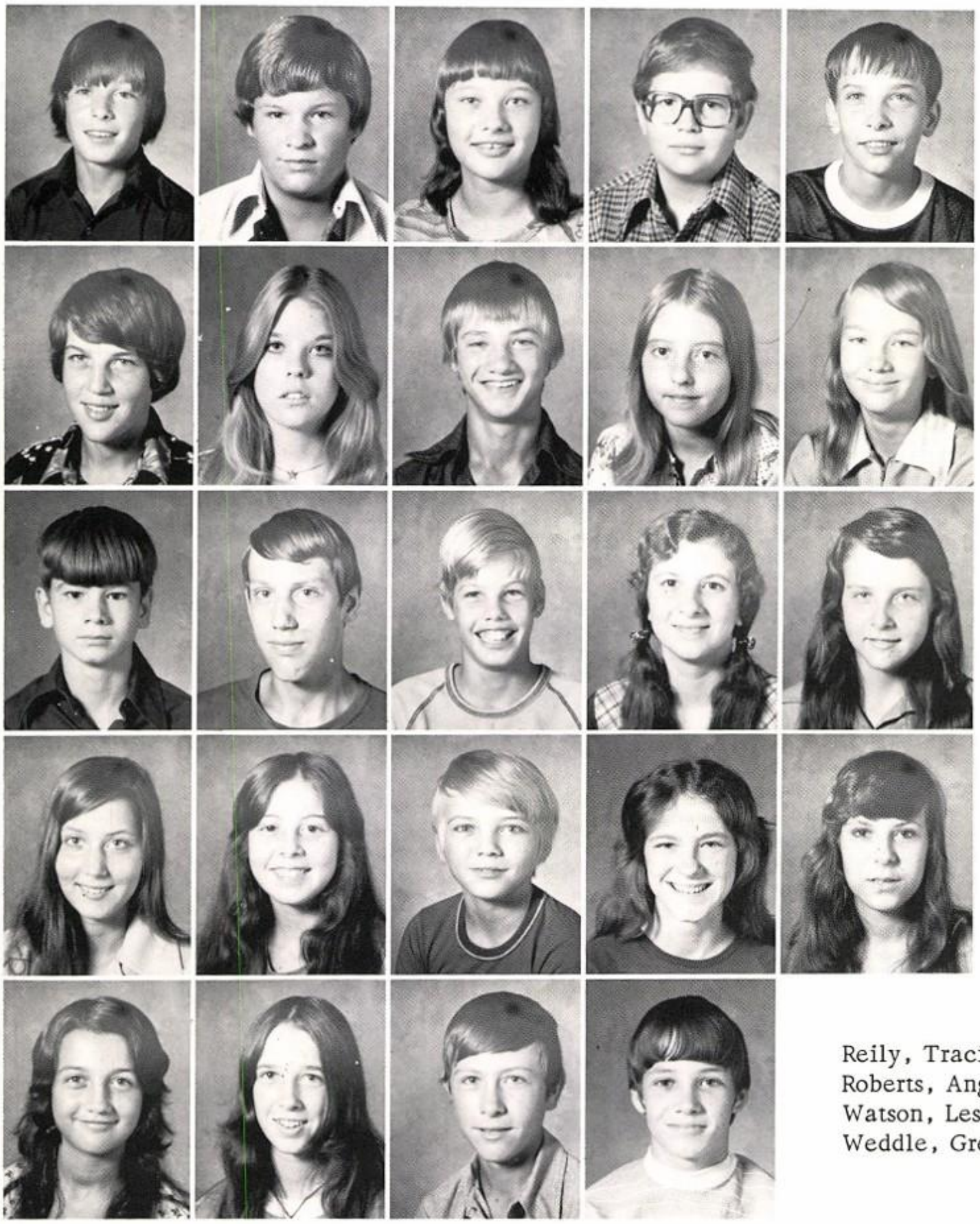

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Klinkerman, Mark
Lemley, Cathy
Merritt, Cynthia

Moore, Lynnette
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Porter, Vince
Ray, Cynthia
Ray, Gwen

Reily, Traci
Roberts, Angela
Watson, Leslie
Weddle, Greg

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Berry, Vickie
Blackburn, Susan
Boley, Mark
Bondeson, Kathy

Brock, Valea
Daniel, Cindy
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Davies, Jeff
Edmonson, Belinda

Formby, Gail
Griffen, Donnie
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Henry, Kathy

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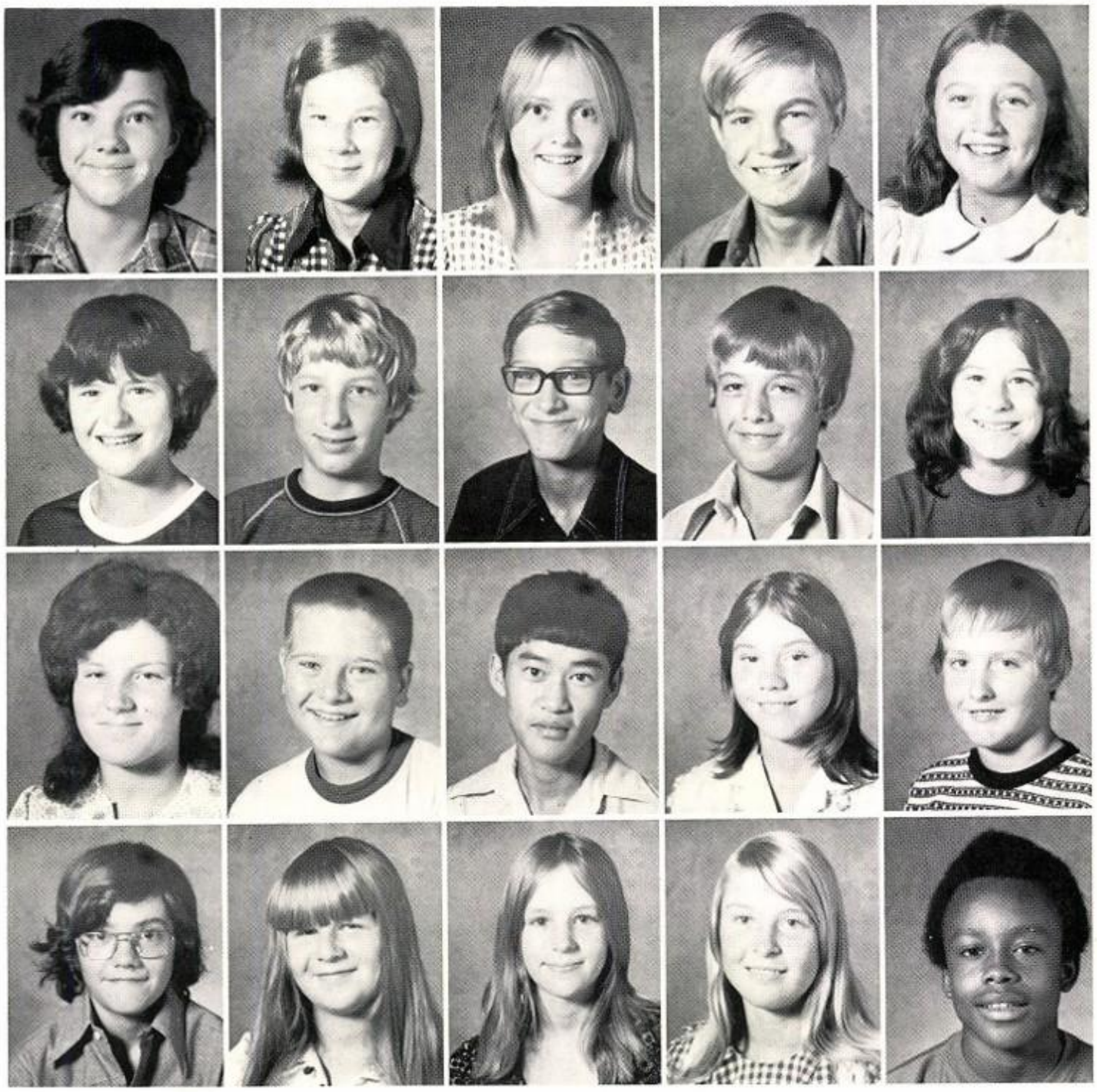

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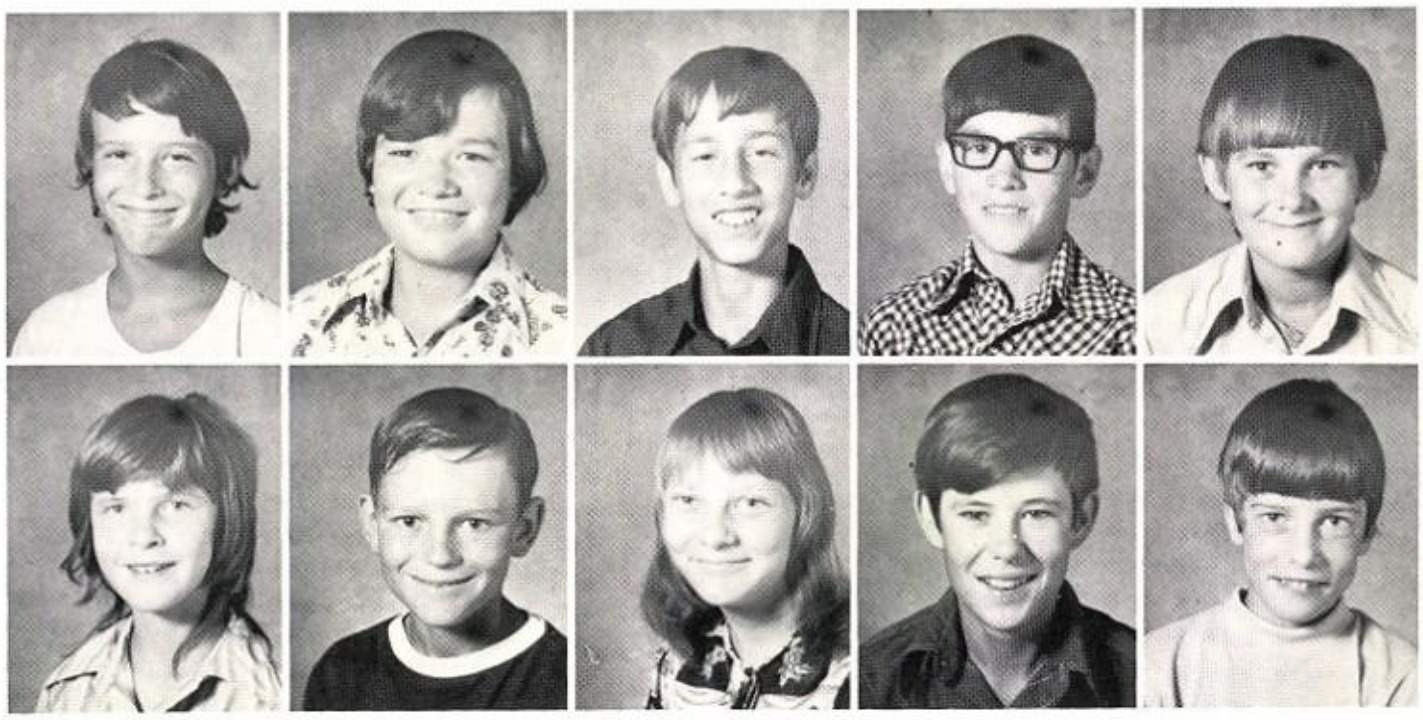

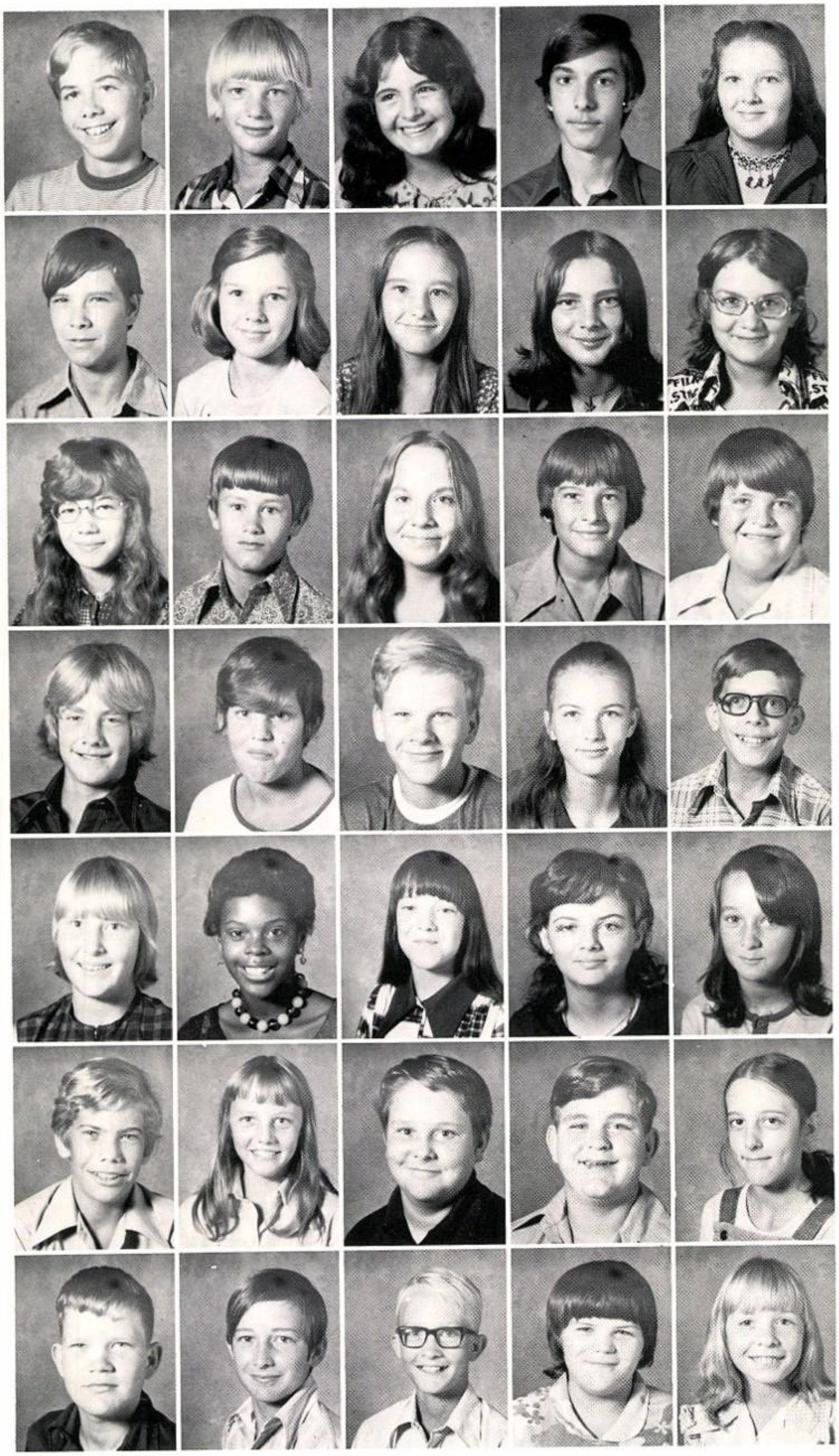

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Gibson, Pam
Gillie, Blaine
Goodwin, Mary Beth
Gribble, Ted
Jackson, Thomas

Kennedy, Tommy
Leonard, Terry
Little, Randy
Loyd, Tina
May, Mark

Nickols, Trixie
Owens, Carolyn
Pitts, Ann
Porter, Derinda
Randolph, Jerri

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Richardson, Cheryl
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Spray, Wayne
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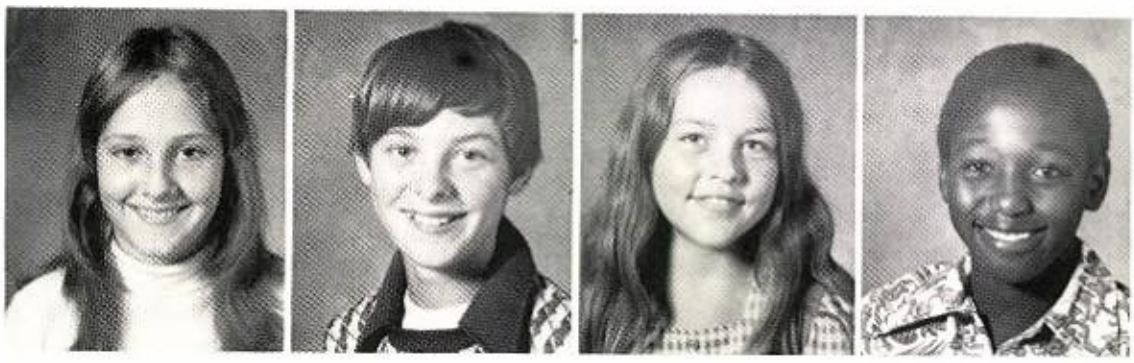

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Cleveland, Brad

Crawford, Regina
Day, Kevin
Edmonson, Larry
Flynn, Jennifer
French, Jacky

Graham, Calvin
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Hatcher, Melanie
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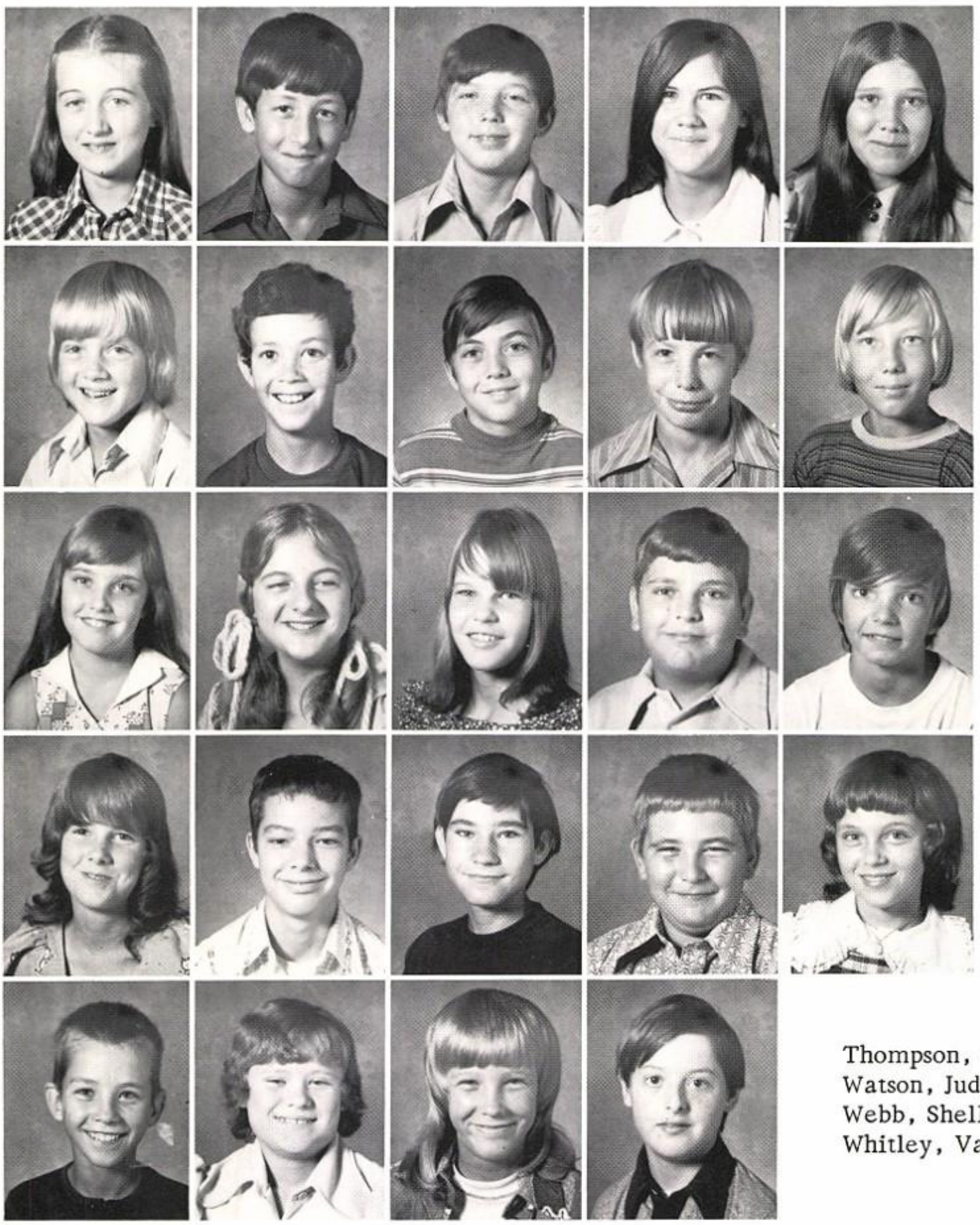

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Johnson, Denene
Kindle, Laura
Klinkerman,
Michelle
Lane, Ricky
McEntire, Tony

Roberts, Sherry
Smith, Dean
Smith, Nicky
Sugg, Stephen
Thomas, Joy

Thompson, Carey
Watson, Judy
Webb, Shelley
Whitley, Vaughn

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Armstrong, Paula
Ballard, Jeff
Buck, Dewayne
Coursey, Vickie
Crawford, Tracey

Davidson, Melissa
Duley, Ray
Dunagan, Scott
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Farmer, Pam

Graves, Phil
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Jackson, Keith
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Landers, Stephen
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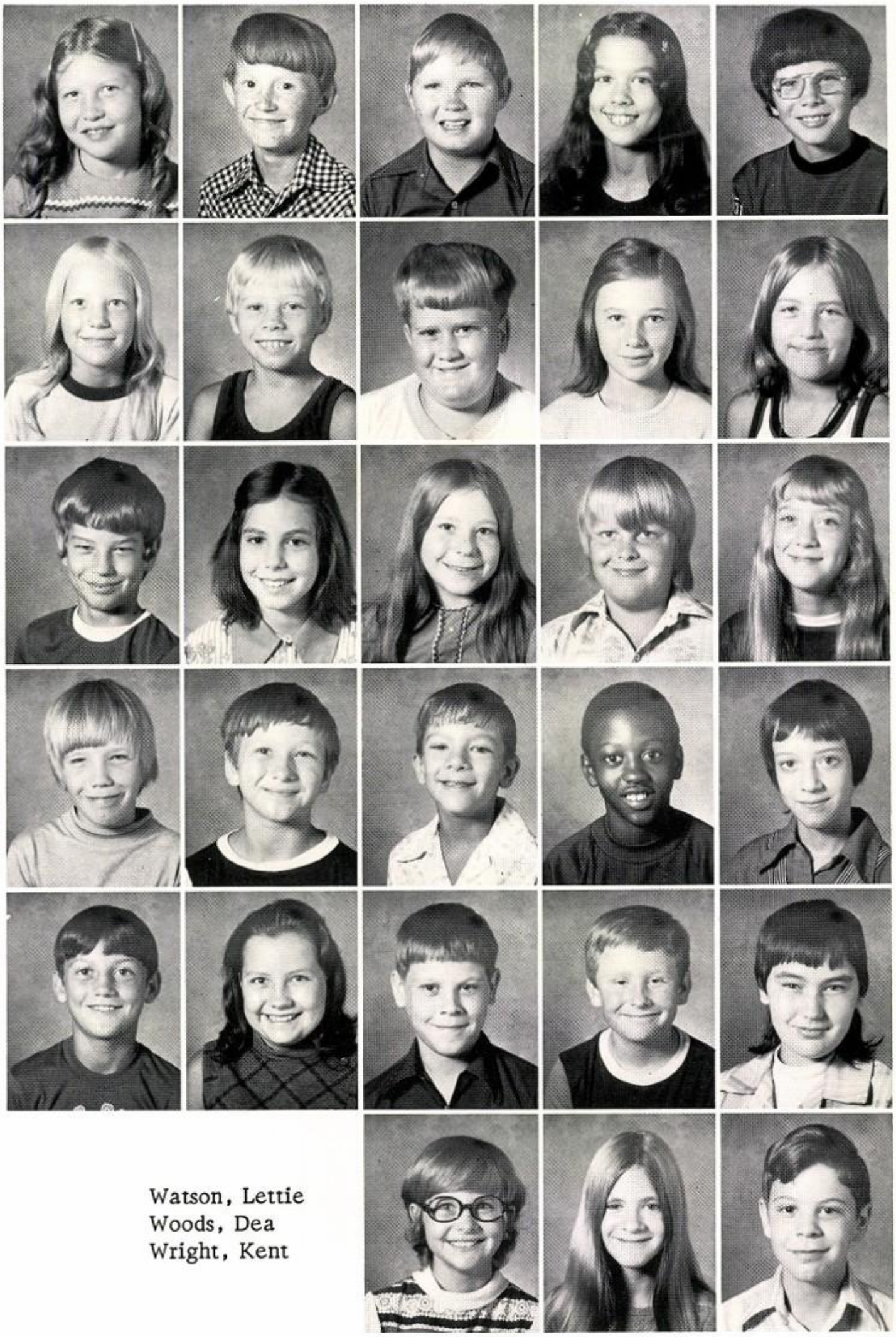

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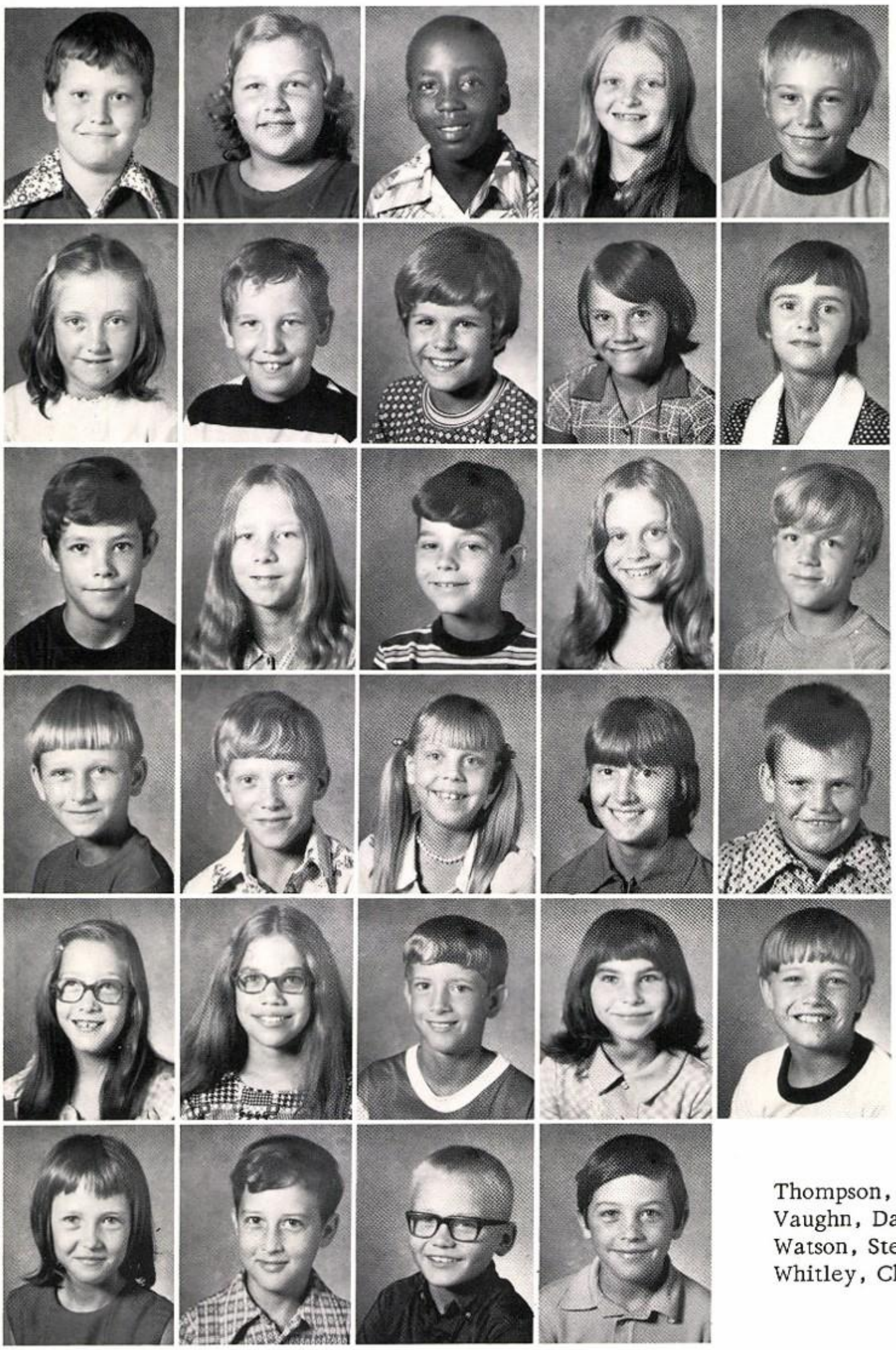

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Goodwin, Lisa Jean
Hines, Timmy

Lane, Danny
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Nichols, Tracey
Newman, William

Nobles, Lynn
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Roland, Robbia
Ruckman, Bill

Thompson, Lisa
Vaughn, Darrel
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Brummett, Lisa
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Davis, Glen
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Gibson, Craig
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Guilliams, Paula
Haley, Dale
Harrell, Rodney
Hart, Daniel
Hatcher, Debbie

Hays, Darren
Hill, La Cresha
Hines, Carl
Hoffman, Danny
Hollowell, Kenneth

House, Kimberly
Howard, Jamie
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Lawler, Billy
Lingo, Charlene

Matlock, Robby
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Moore, Wendy

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Ray, Charles

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Williams, Christina
Williams, Loretta
Wood, Laura

Woodberry, Yolando

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Anderson, Treda
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Cheshier, Danny

Crouch, Teresa
Gentry, Michael
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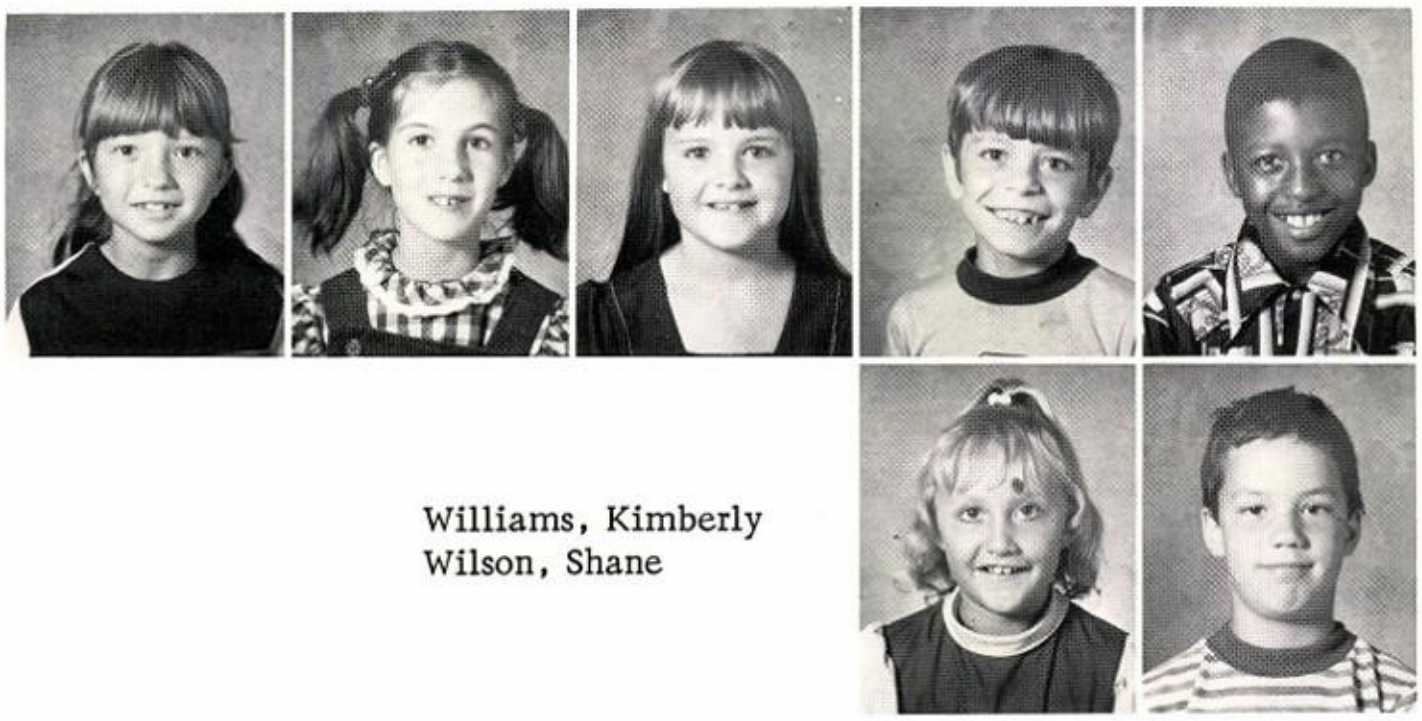

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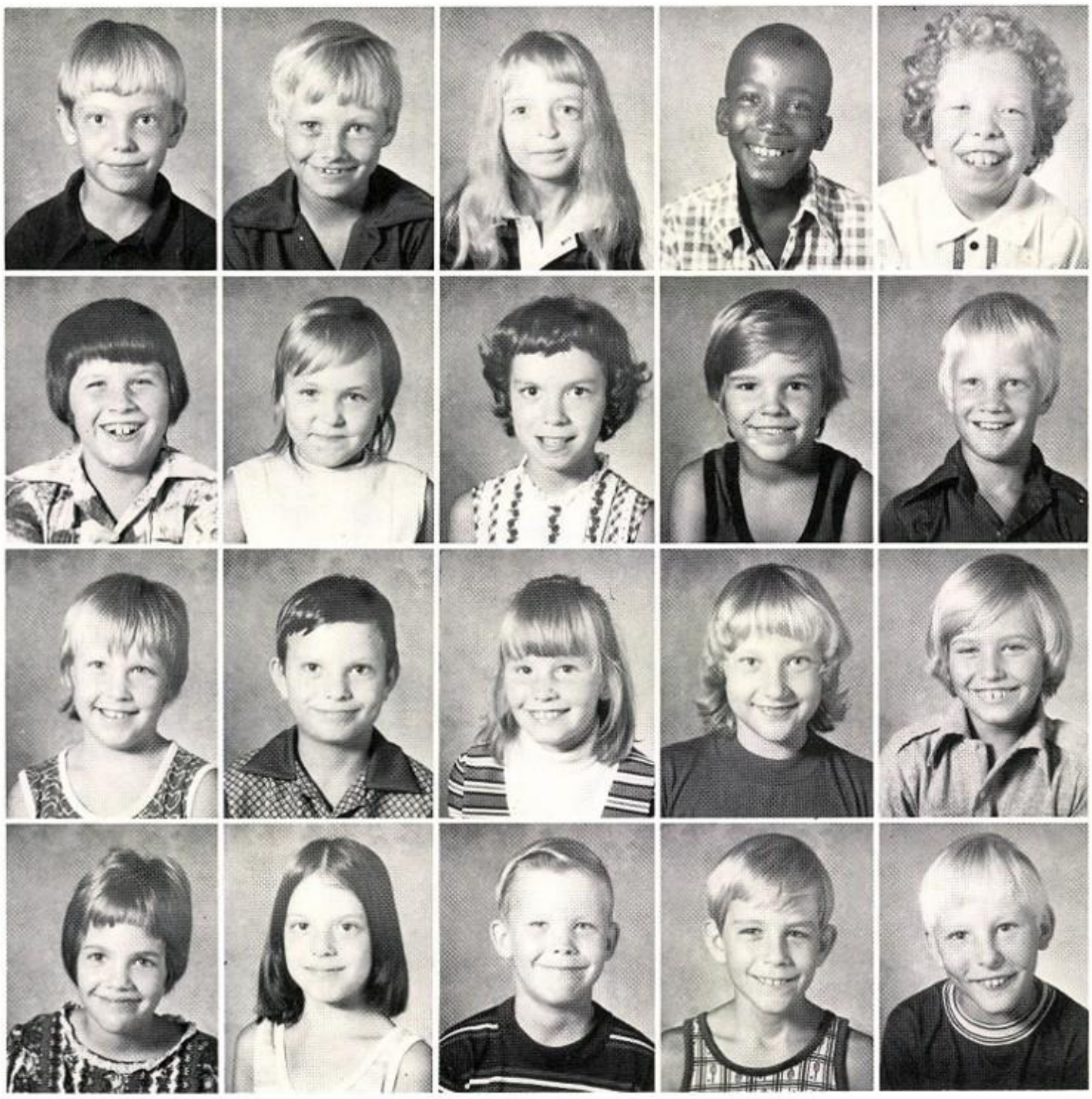

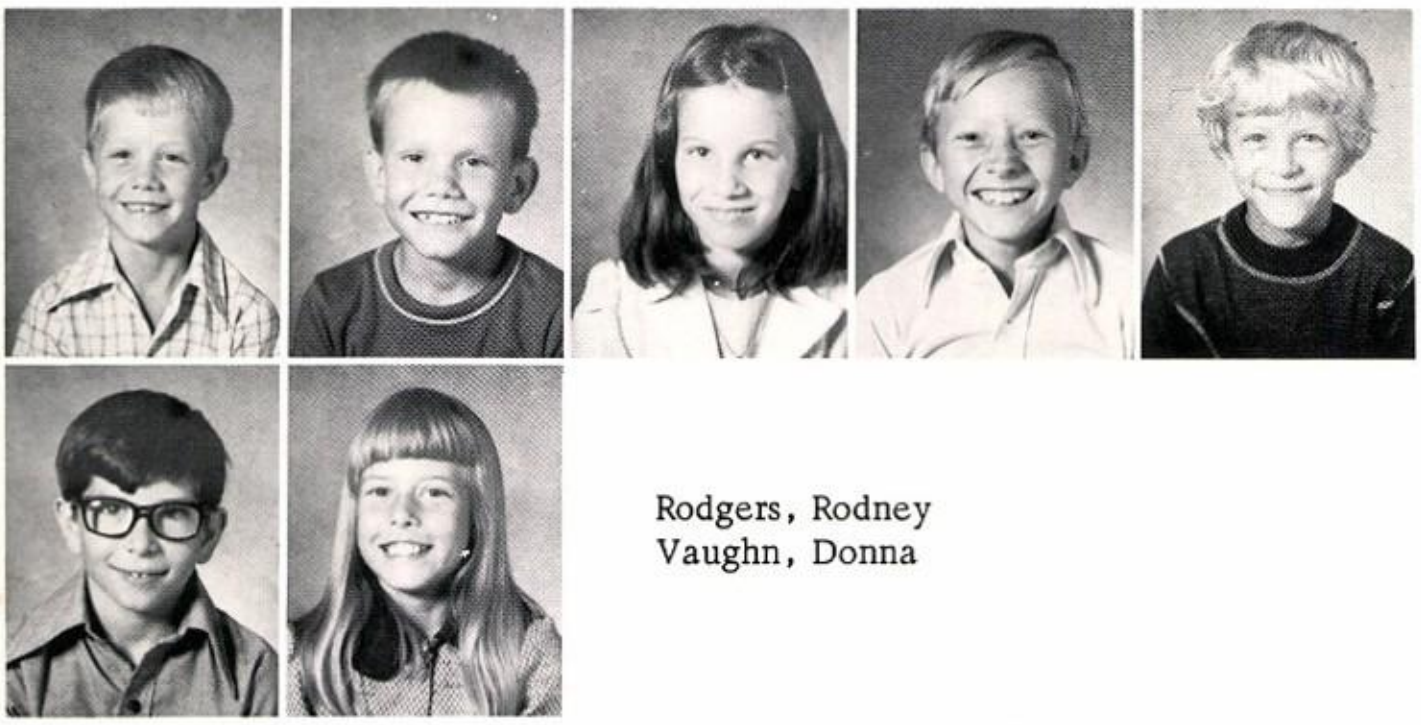

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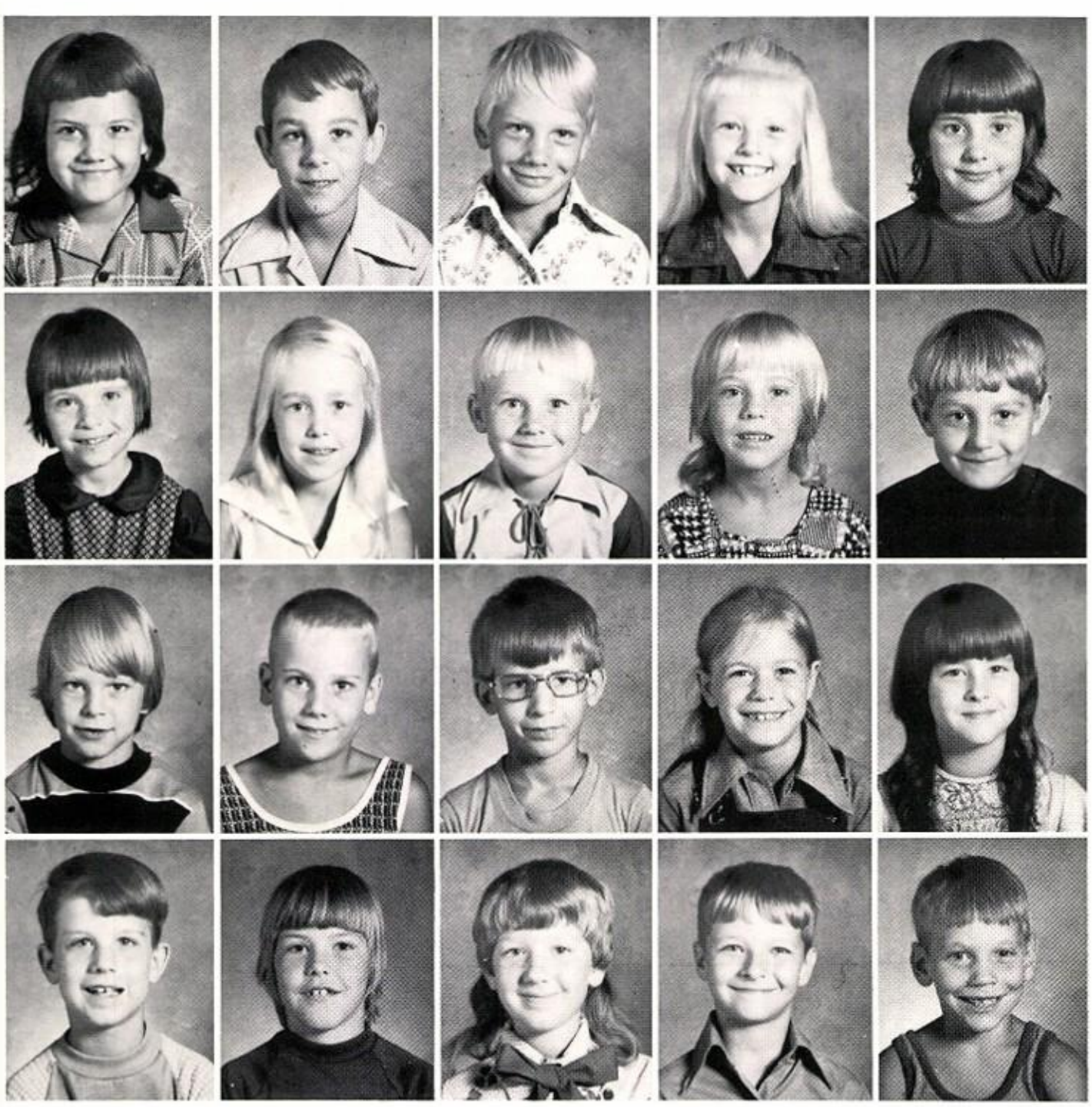

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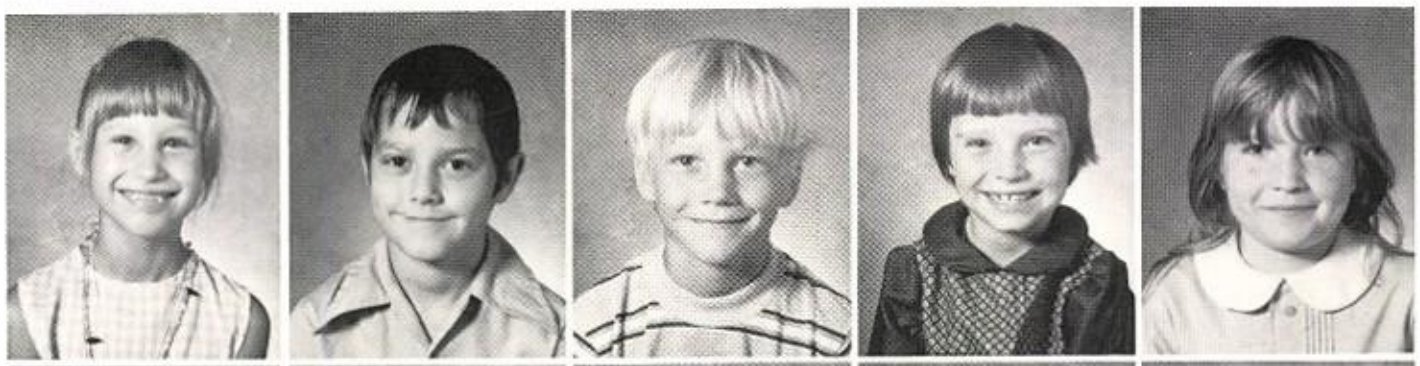

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Patterson, Scotty

Pearson, Michael
Philpot, Shawn
Pratt, Carmellia
Smallwood, Jason
Smith, Kenia

Smith, Melette
Willhite, Jimmy
Williams, Patricia
Woodbury, Nikki
Woods, Christopher

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Evers, Cody

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James, Johnie
Logsdon, Clifton

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Roberts, Christy

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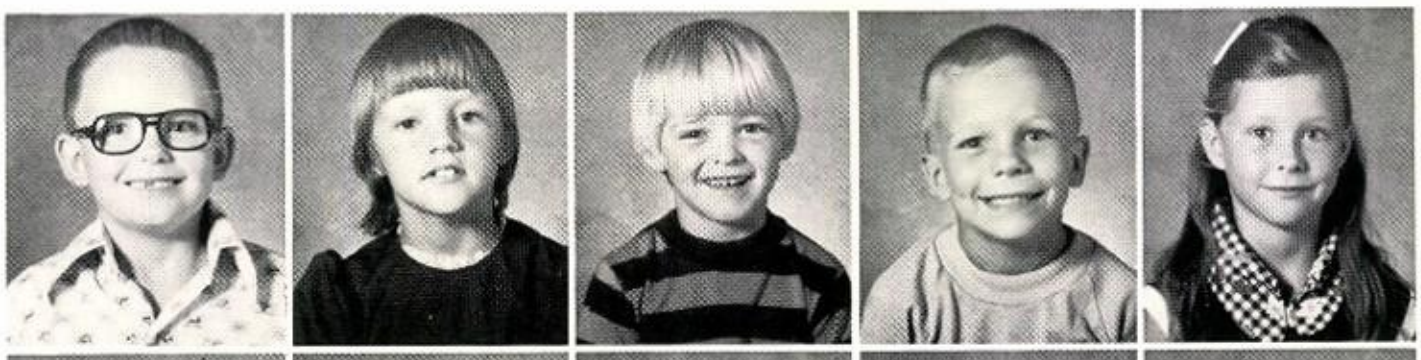

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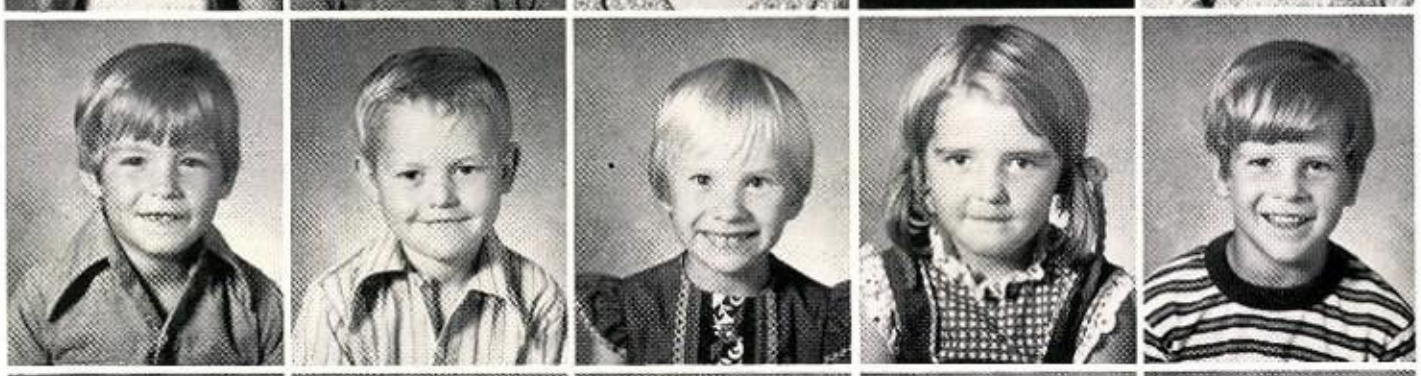

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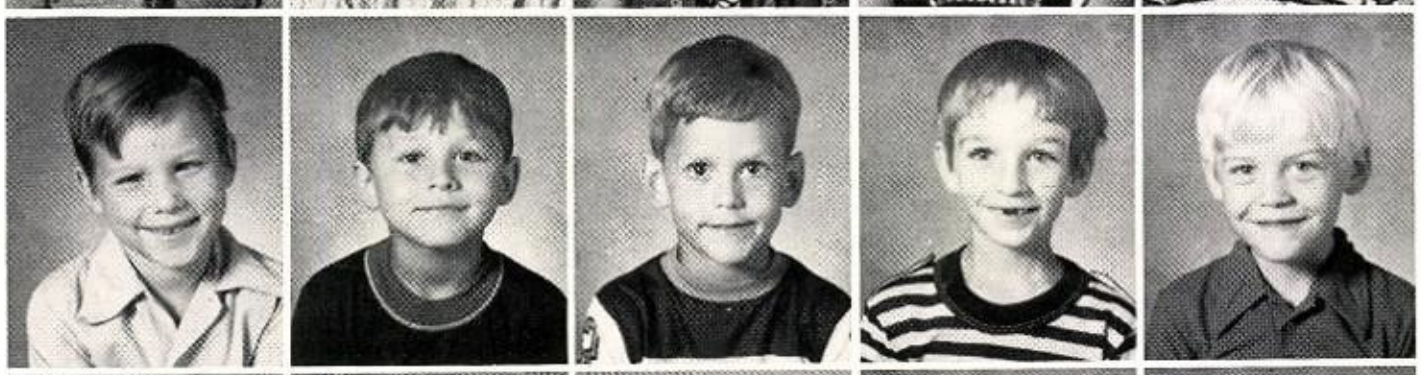

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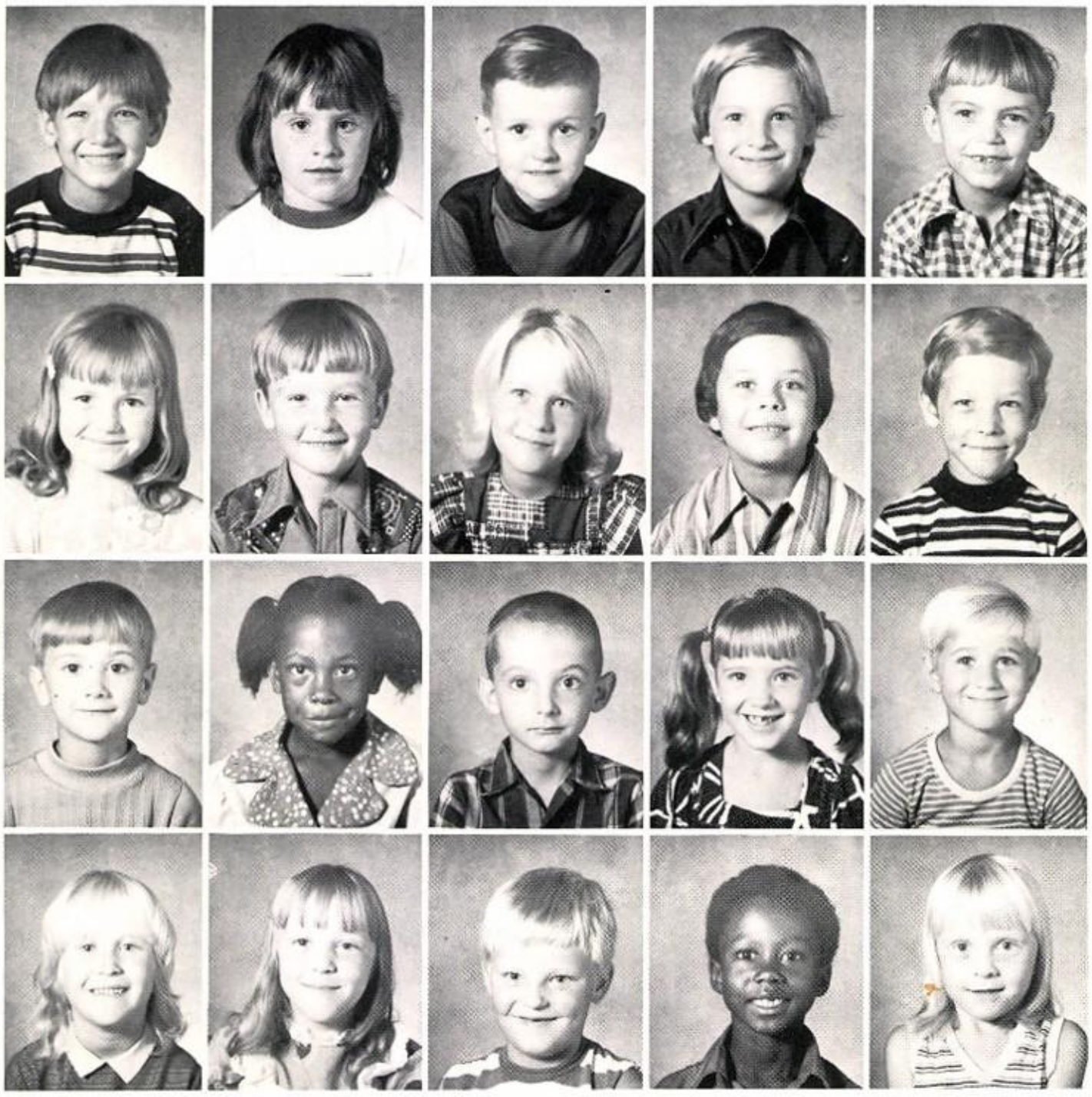

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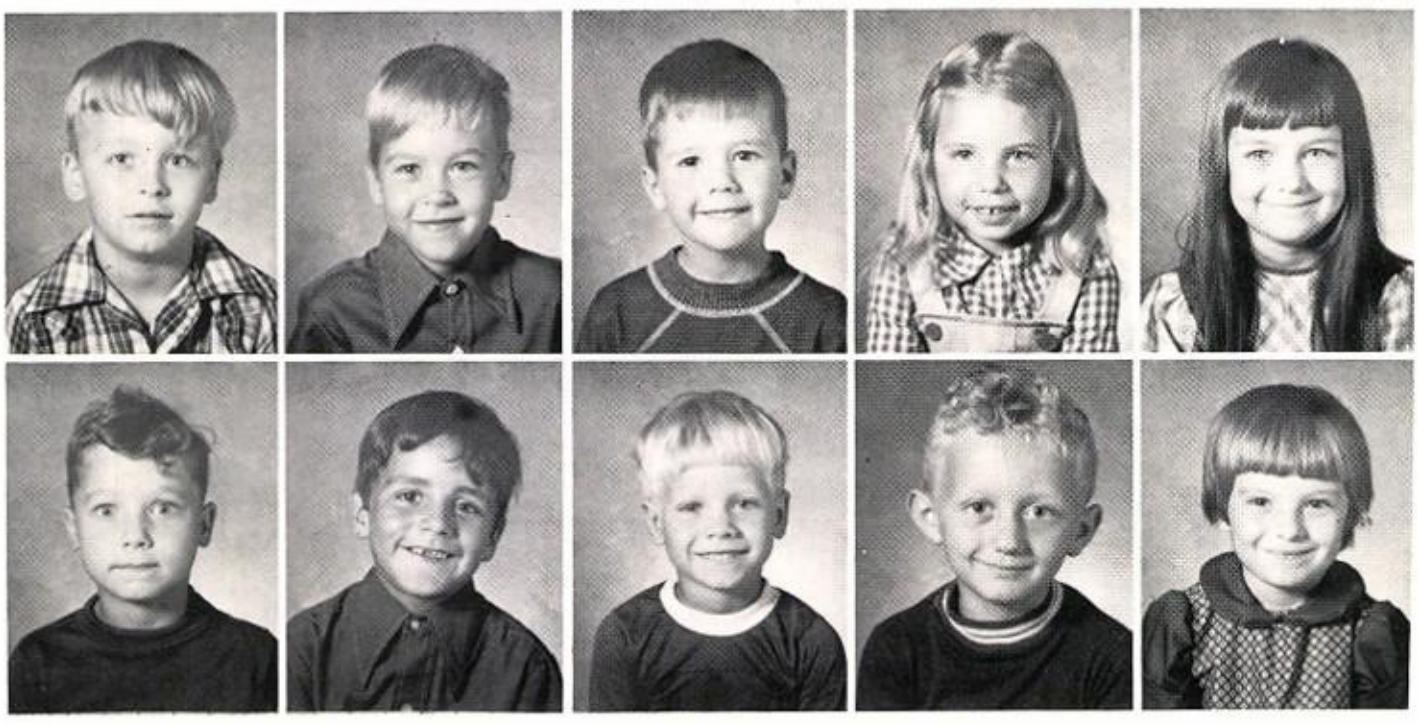

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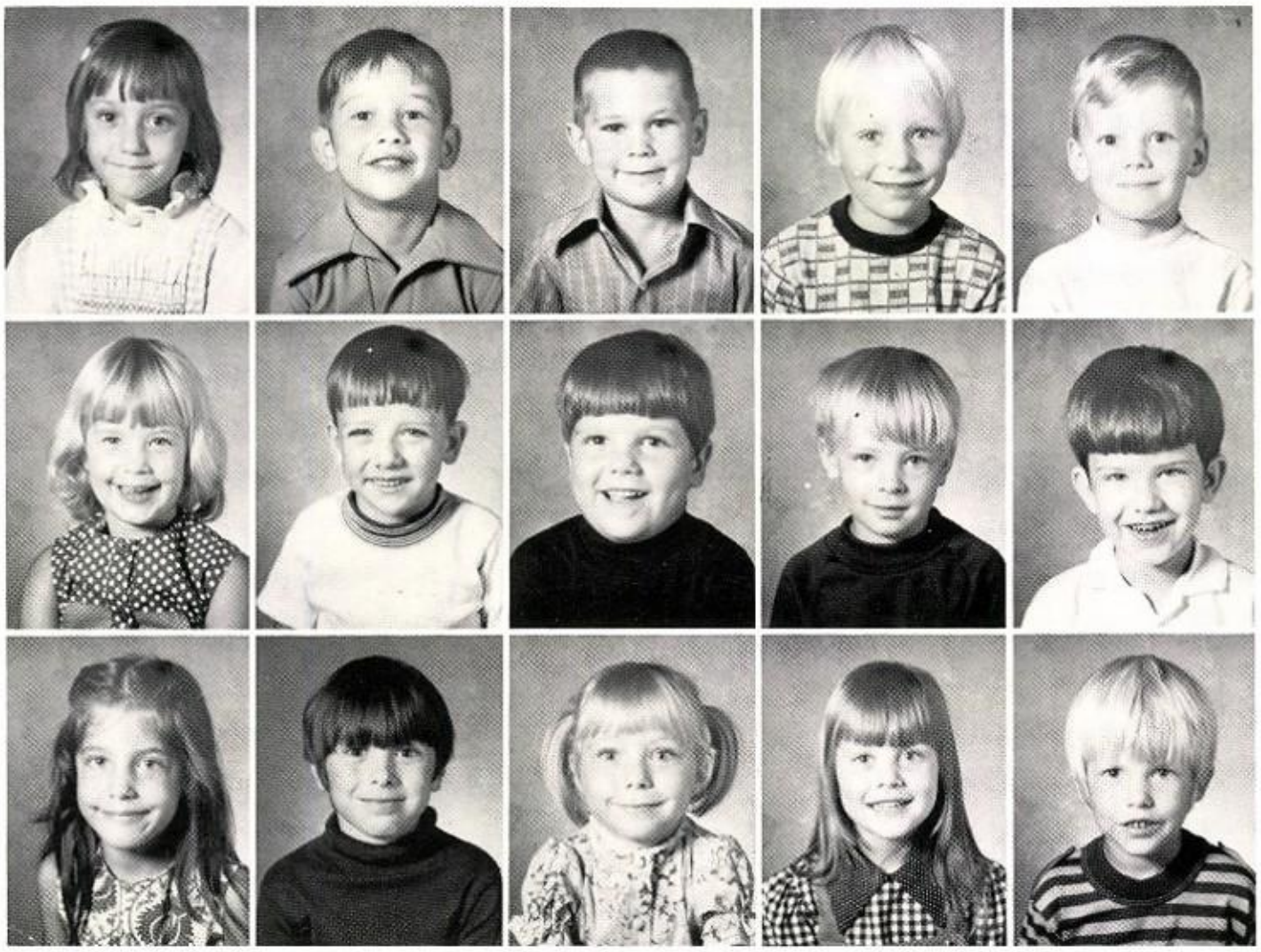

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LeRow, Jennifer
Loftin, Timmy

Matlock, Nelia
Matthews, Anthony
Newman, Billy
Nichols, Terri
Nix, Clint

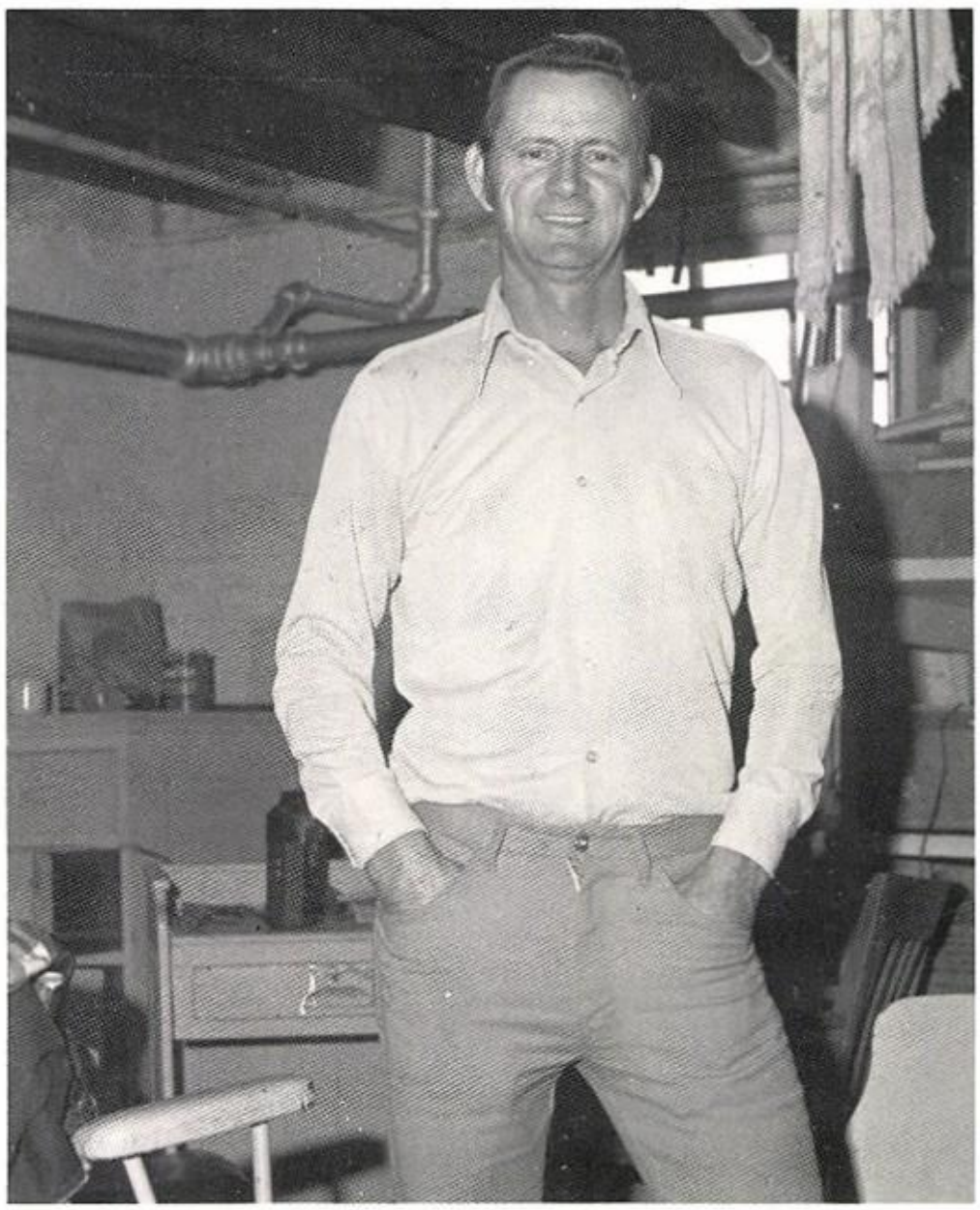
BLOSSOM CAFETERIA STAFF

The cooks take pride in their homemade rolls and their tasty fried chicken.

(left to right)
Mrs. Judy Booth
Mrs. Allie Rogers
Mrs. Mary Head
Mrs. Laura Duncan

CUSTODIAN

Always busy keeping the Blossom Elementary School building neat and presentable is Mr. Haskell Booth, custodian.



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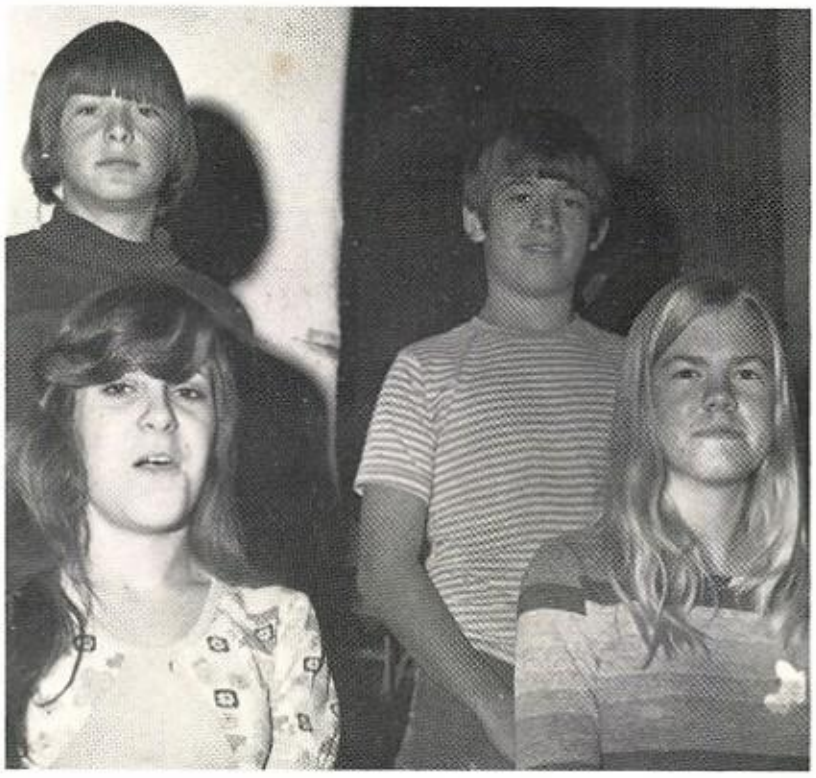
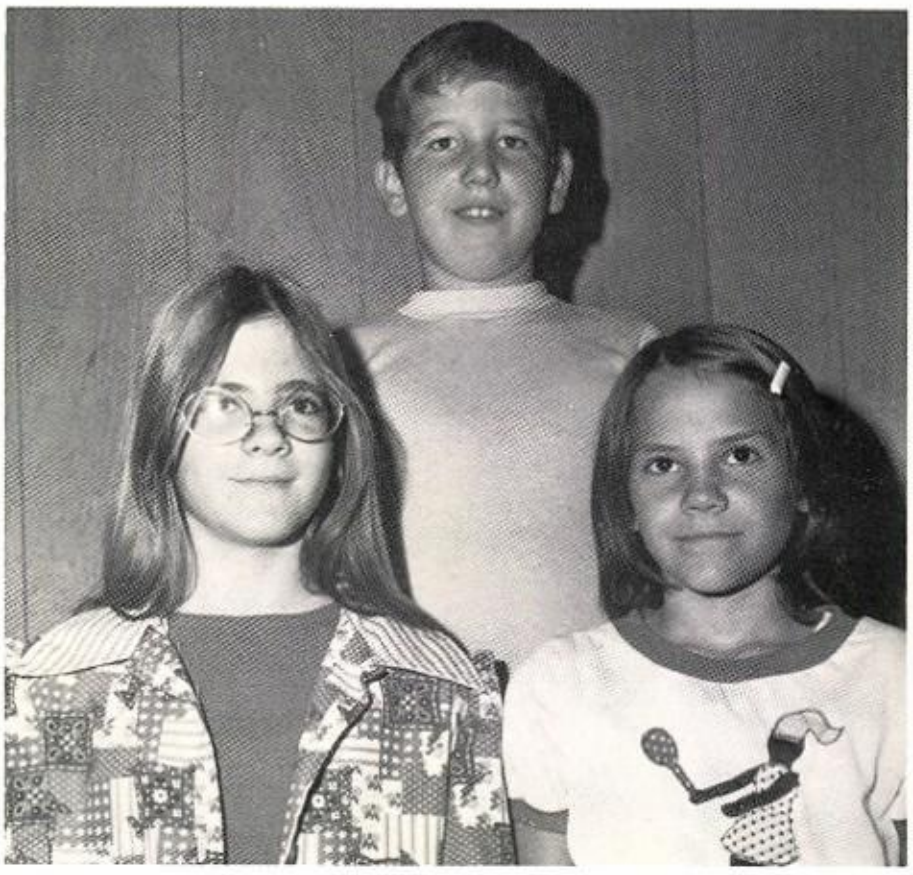
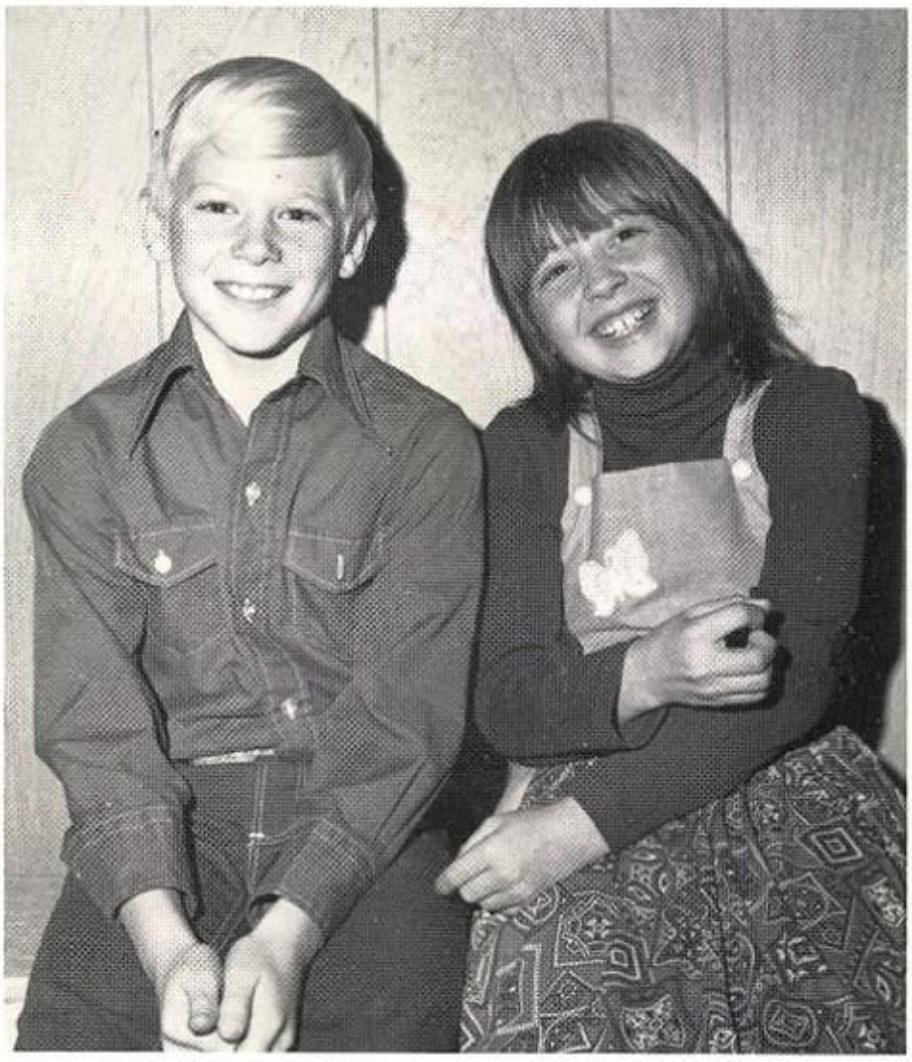


Eighth Grade: Brad Allen, David Hart, Gwen Ray, Susan Blackburn

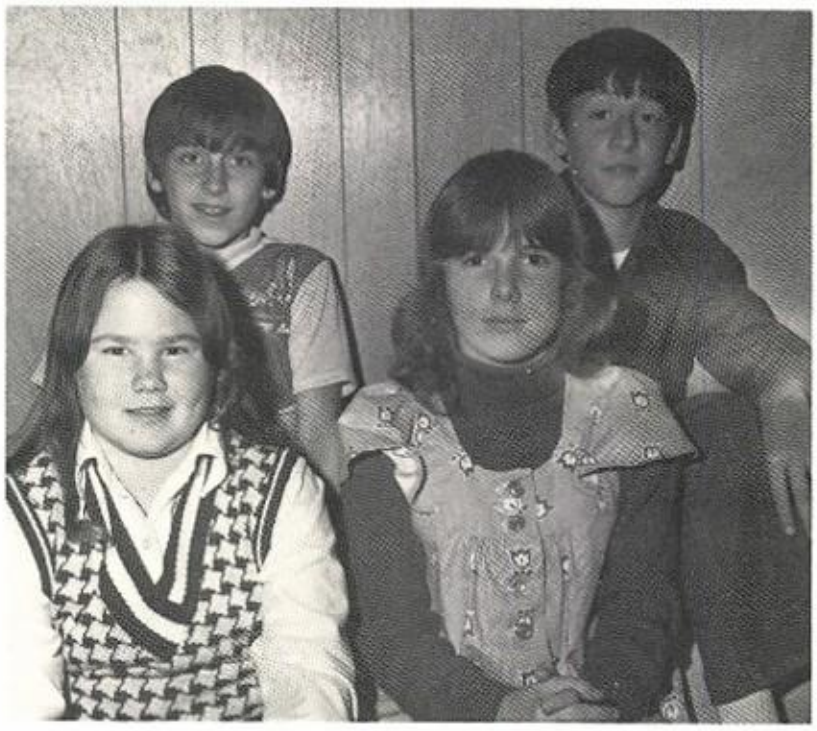


Fifth Grade: Dea Wood, Gary Cockerham, Lisa Daniel, (Not pictured) Tracy Crawford

Seventh Grade: Stephen Crawford, Lisa Cotham



Fourth Grade: Craig Gibson, Jody Smallwood



Sixth Grade: Larry Box, Doug Bailey, Dana Blackburn, Sherry Roberts

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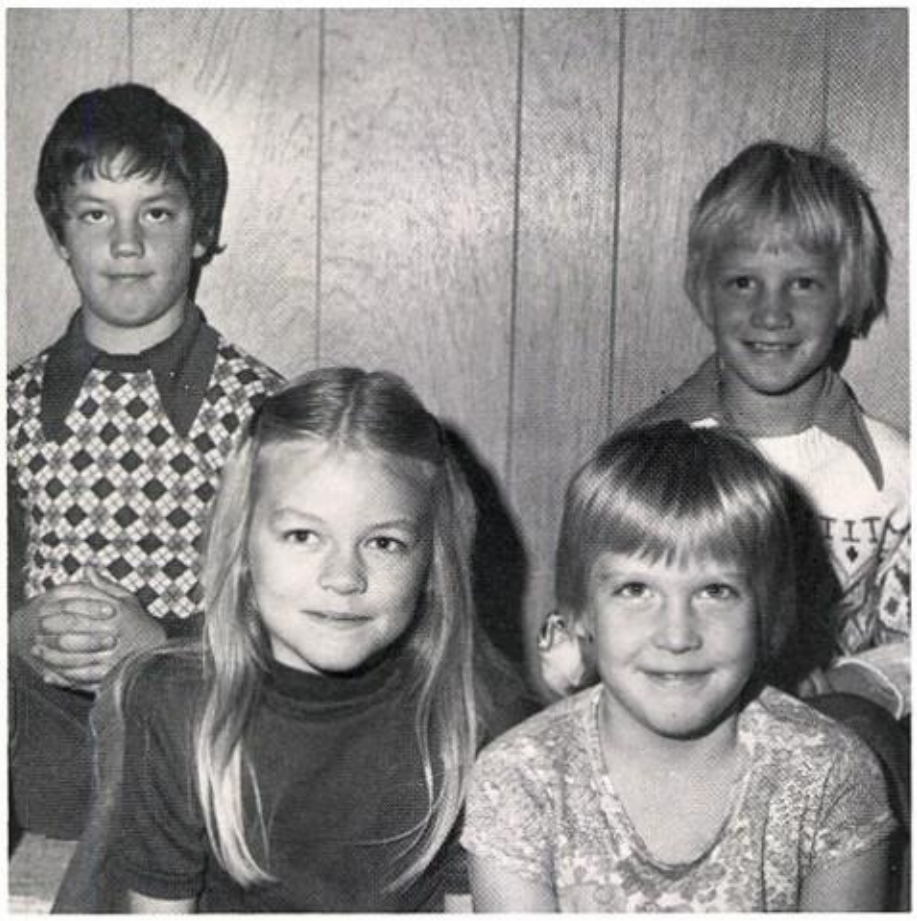
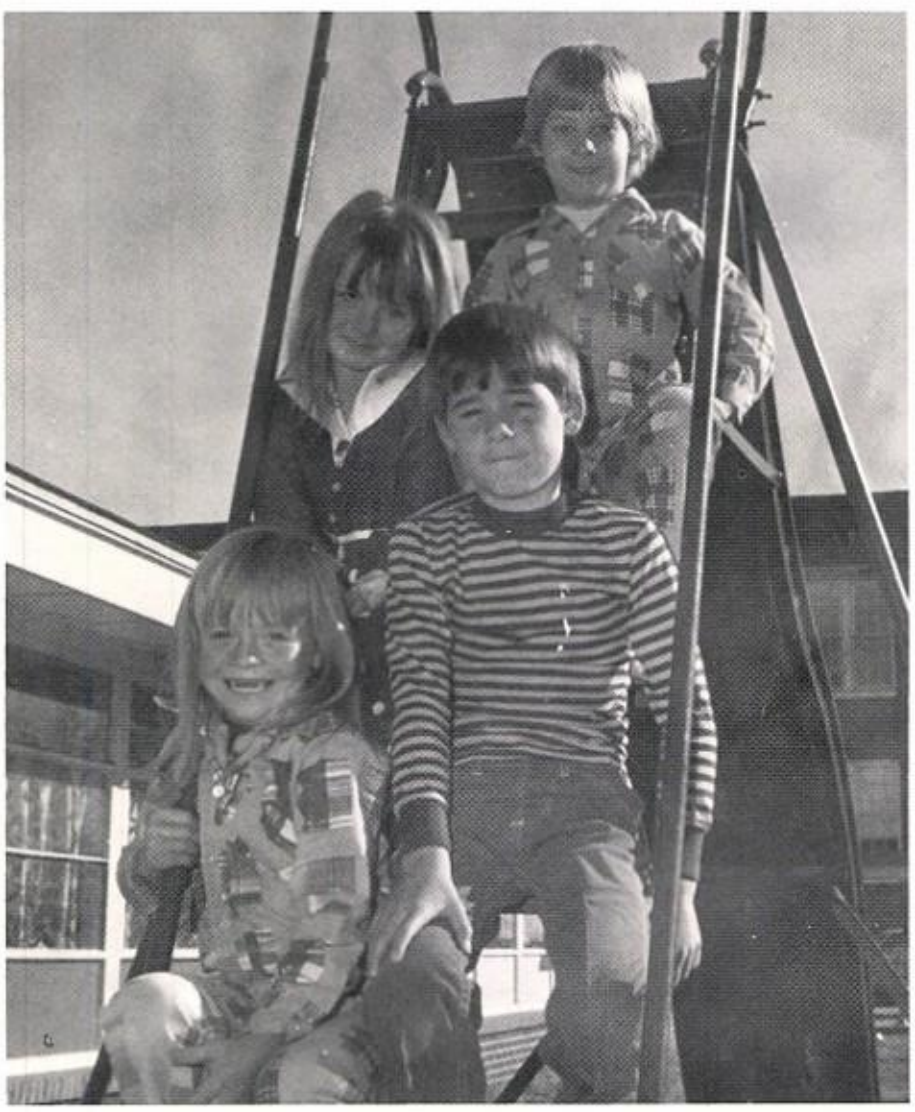
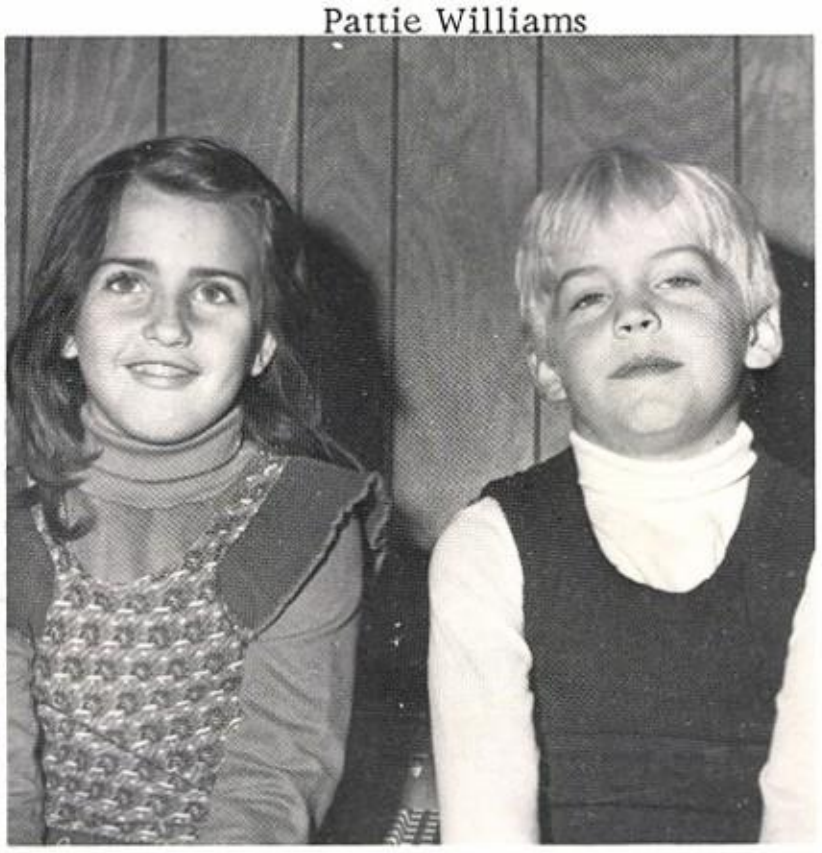


THIRD GRADE: Shane Wilson, Treda Anderson, Robbie Connot, Paula Farmer

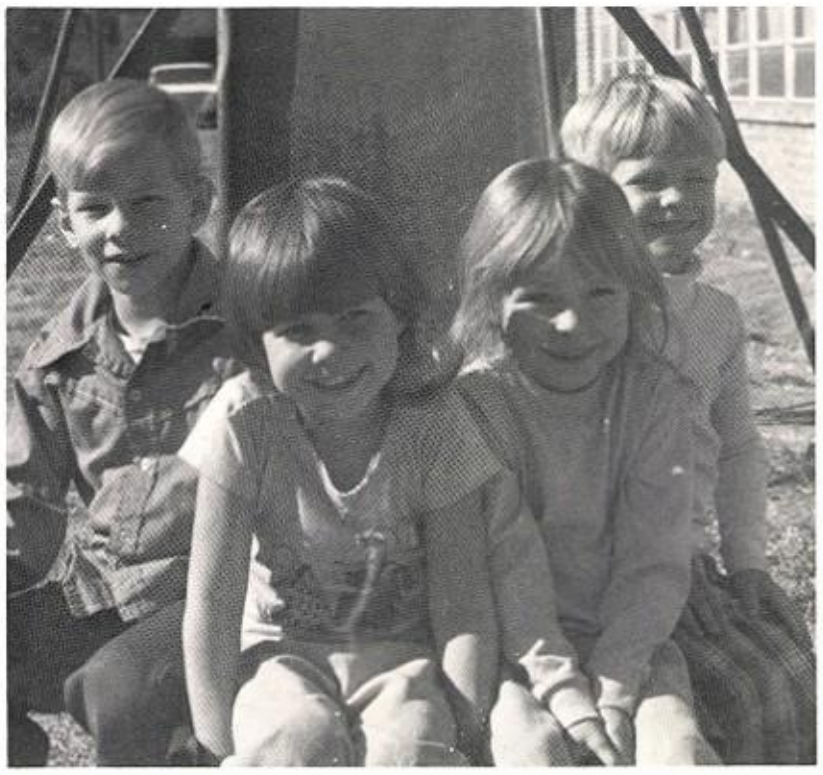


FIRST GRADE: Ted Burress, Lela Hines, Micheal Blackburn, Shannon Ayres

SECOND GRADE: Scott Scudder, Jeanne Gerringer, Jason Smallwood, Pattie Williams



FIRST GRADE: Kellie Reily, Scott Kirby

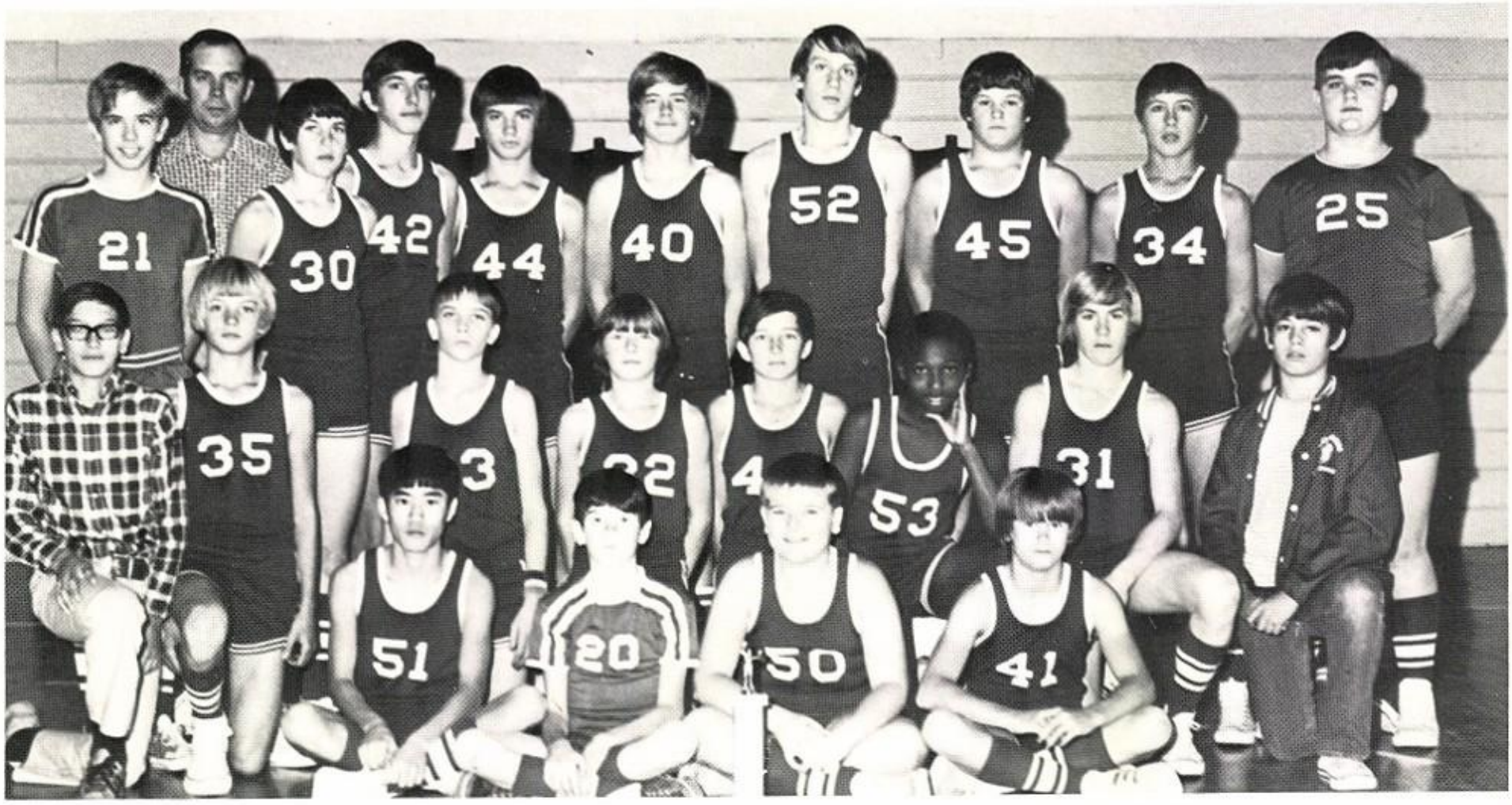


KINDERGARTEN: Leslie Thomas, Rene Weddie, Jeff Fendley, Bobbi Walker

BULLDOGETTES

(R. to l.) Coach James Lowery, Traci Reiley, Susan Blackburn, Shirley Allen, Gail Formby, Kim Chapman, Cindy Ray, Rhonda Nations, Vickie Berry, Beth Prunty, Cathy Lemley. (2nd row) Janet Webb, Charmion Bowden, Trixie Nichols, Kim Philpot, Lynnette Moore, Gwen Ray, manager. (3rd row) Valene Cobb, Sheryl Richardson, Lisa Cotham, Angela Roberts, Lisa Weissinger.

BULLDOGS



(L. to r.) Coach Johnny Hatcher, Mike Cockerham, Dusty Cantrell, Steven Crawford, Ricky Connot, Tommy Kennedy, Mark Headen, Paul Allen, Leslie Watson, Wayne Spray. (2nd row) Manager Randy Grissom, Randy Connot, Merle Bryan, Brad Allen, Carl Vaugn, Edward Williams, David Berry, Manager David Hart. (3rd row) Bruce Logsdon, Jimmy Ballrd, Ricky Jaynes, Blaine Gillie.

BULLDOGS

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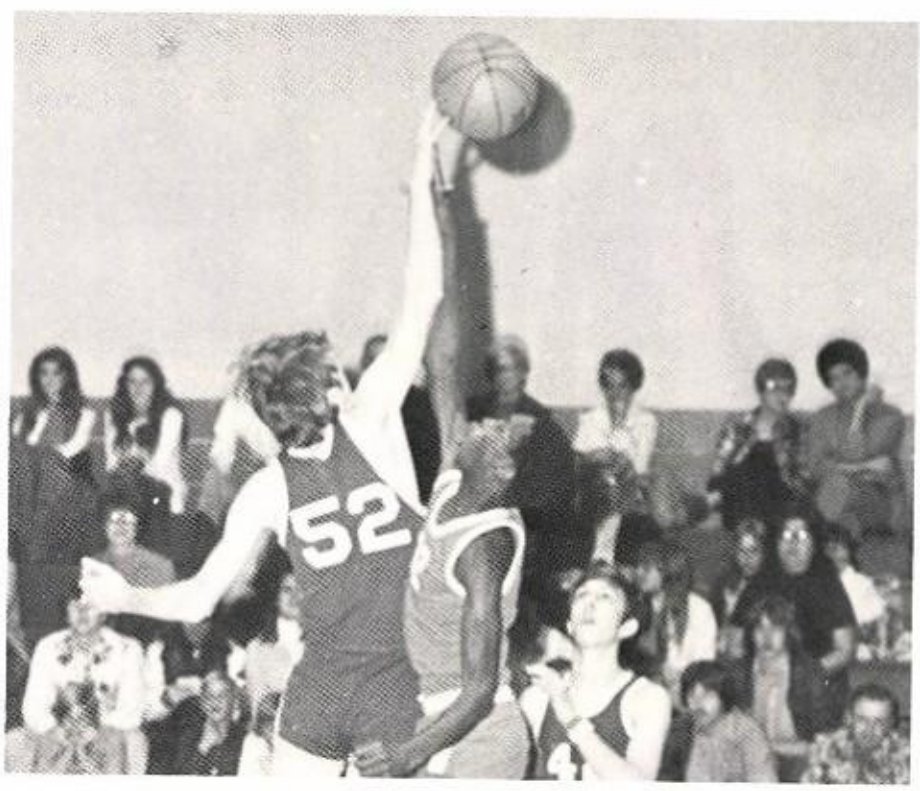
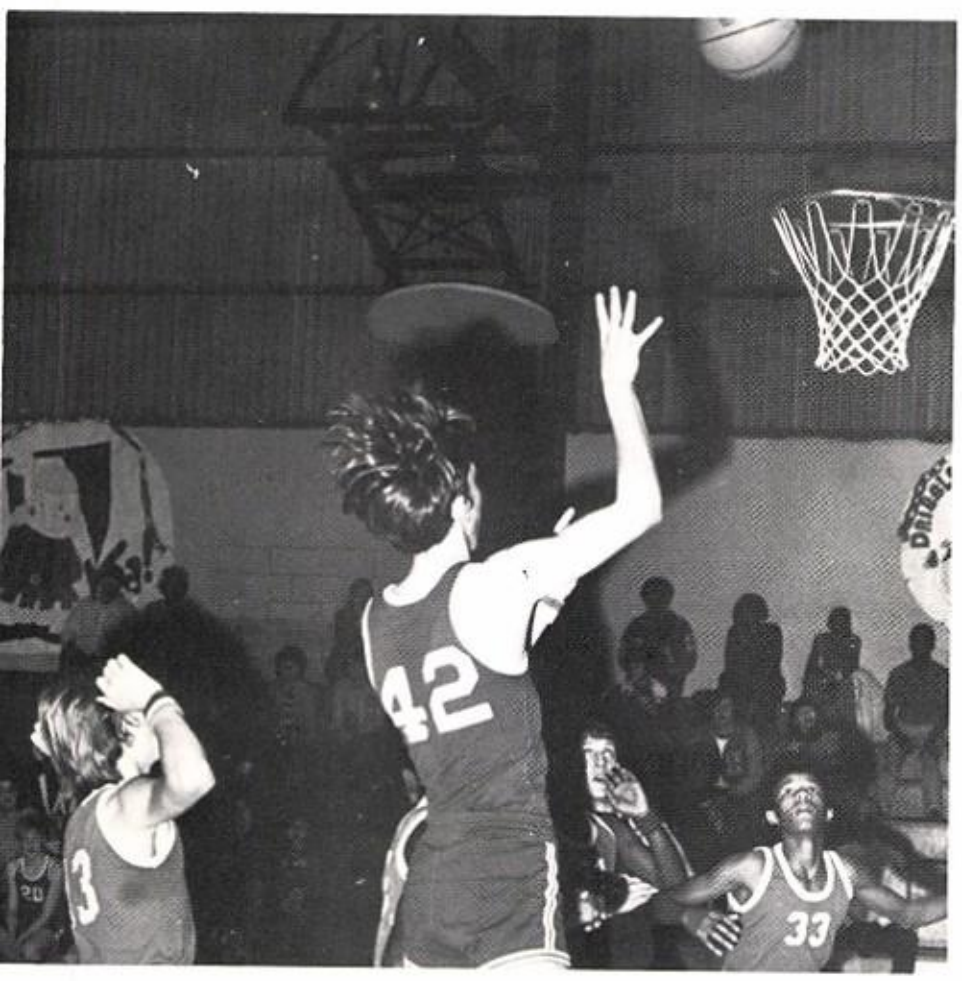
Blossom boys, undefeated in district play with a seasonal record of 21-0, regretfully lost the District Crown to the Talco Trojans in the championship game at Rivercrest.
Tommy Kennedy (31) attempts to block a shot in the District Championship game at Rivercrest. (lower left)

Ricky Connot stretches to keep from getting a charging foul. (at right)
Blossom seems to head off to a good start as Mark Headen (52) gets the tip-off. (lower right)

Stephen Crawford (42) gets off a shot for 2 points! (bottom left)

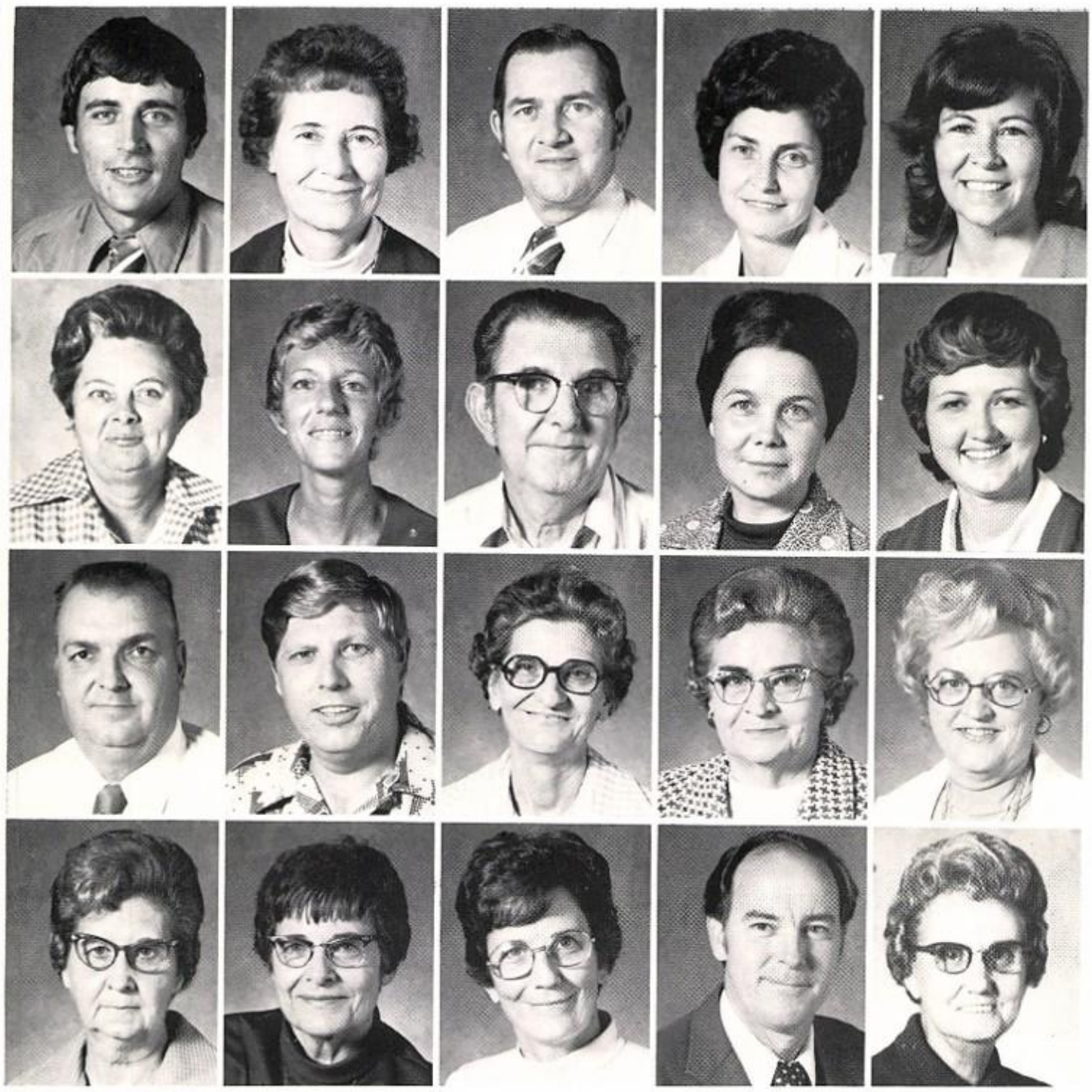


Everybody is reaching for what Stephen Crawford (42) seems to have! (bottom right)



Take a cup of understanding, mixed with a cup of patience. And throw in a little fortitude, perseverance, and good humor. Blend with a pound of love for children, and you have our
MR. MARTIN

Beyond her duties as aide, Mrs. Doris Jackson finds time to help students with their personal problems.



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Cearly, Bob
Davis, Juanita
Ford, Billy Joe

Good, Rene
Hargus, Karen
Isabell, Gordon
Jackson, Doris
Jackson, Sue

Martin, Charles
Nash, Richard
Parks, Margaret
Salter, Zetta
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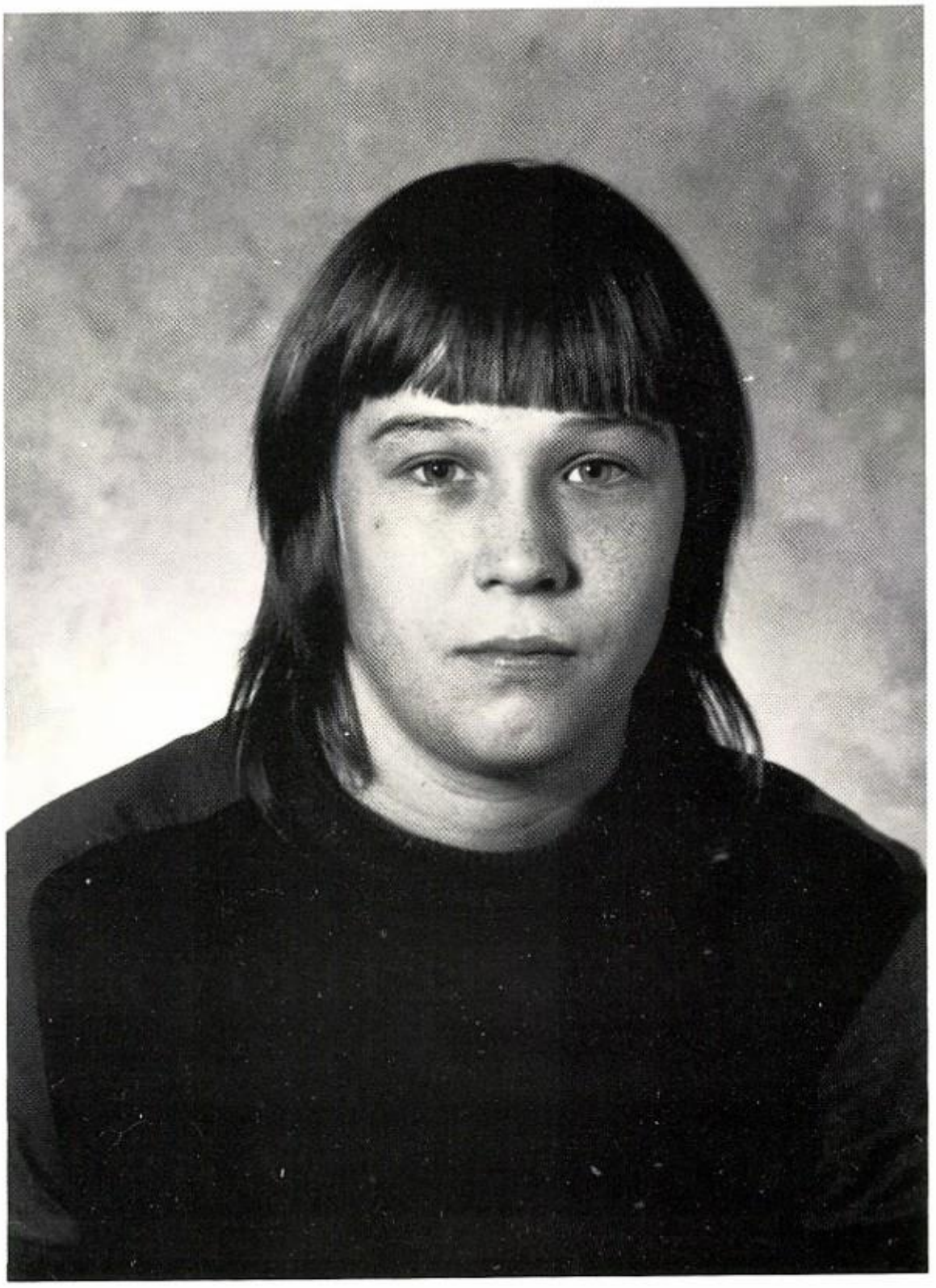
Wyatt, Bernice

Sue Jackson and Margie Taylor take a break between classes.

IN MEMORIAM



STACY GIFFORD

She was a glowing meteor
That passed across our dark night
Her journey was oh so swift, so short
But she made our world so bright.

L. C. Stout

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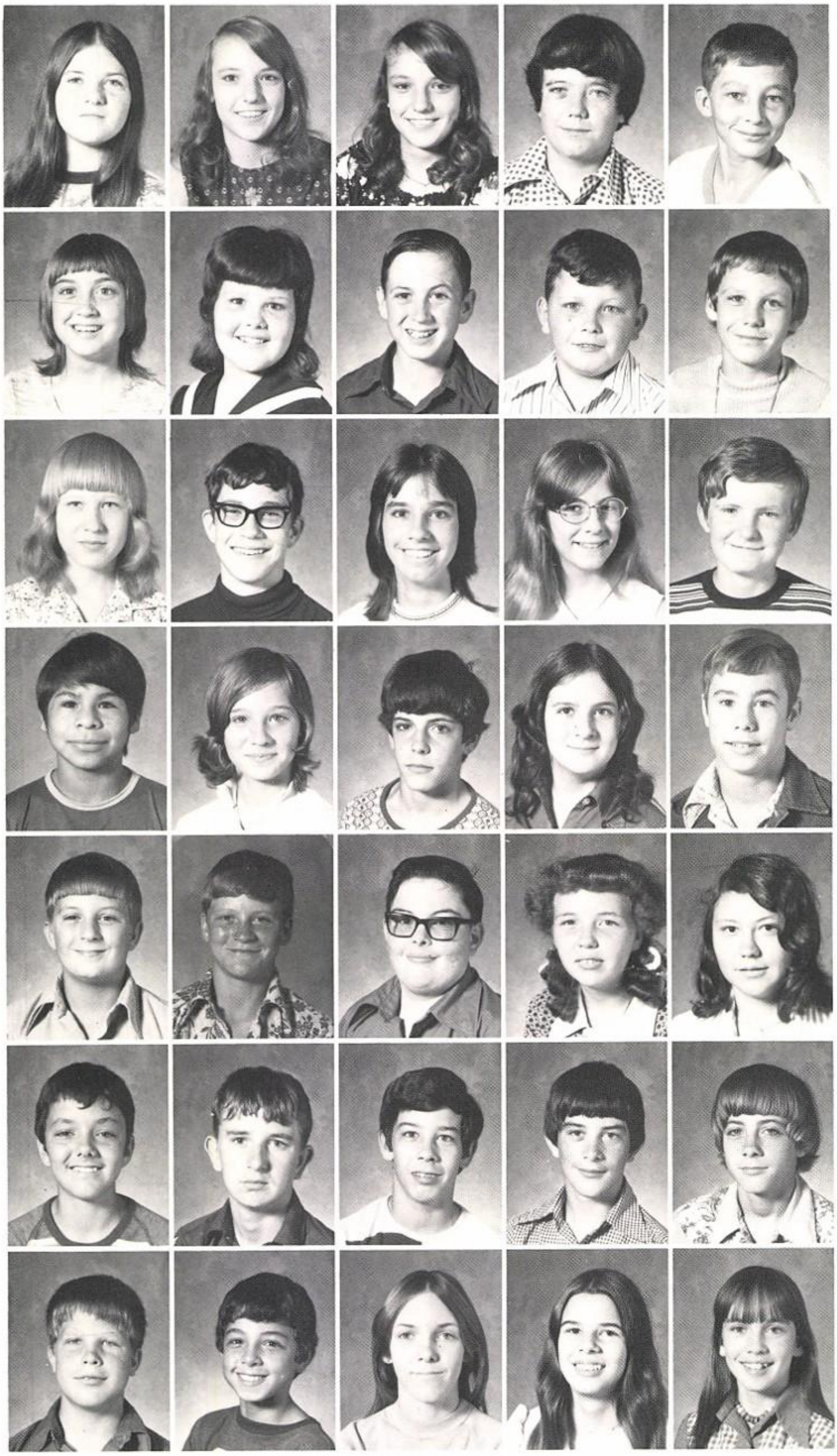

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Davidson, Judy
Davis, Timothy
Fonville, Cathy
Ford, Melinda
Francis, Mark

Frazier, James
Gates, Diane
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Holliday, Linda
Humphrey, Landy

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LaRue, Willie
Long, Steven
Mantooth, Benita
Massey, Brenda

McDowra, Jeff
Milam, Tommy
Nixon, Raymond
Norwood, Scotty
Norwood, Tracy

Parsons, Mark
Pendelton, Randy
Salter, Cheryl
Shelton, Margarett
Strickland, Diana

Wright, Jackie

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Bailey, Casey
Bogard, Melissa
Bryant, Shari
Burks, Brad
Cavender, Shelia

Clifton, Scott
Fonville, Sandra
Gifford, Cliff
Holliday, Cindy
Ingram, Kirk

Jones, Julie
Kennedy, Jeff
Kyle, Pam
Mantooth, Curtis
McIntyre, Jeff

Newberry, Robbie
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Skidmore, Timothy
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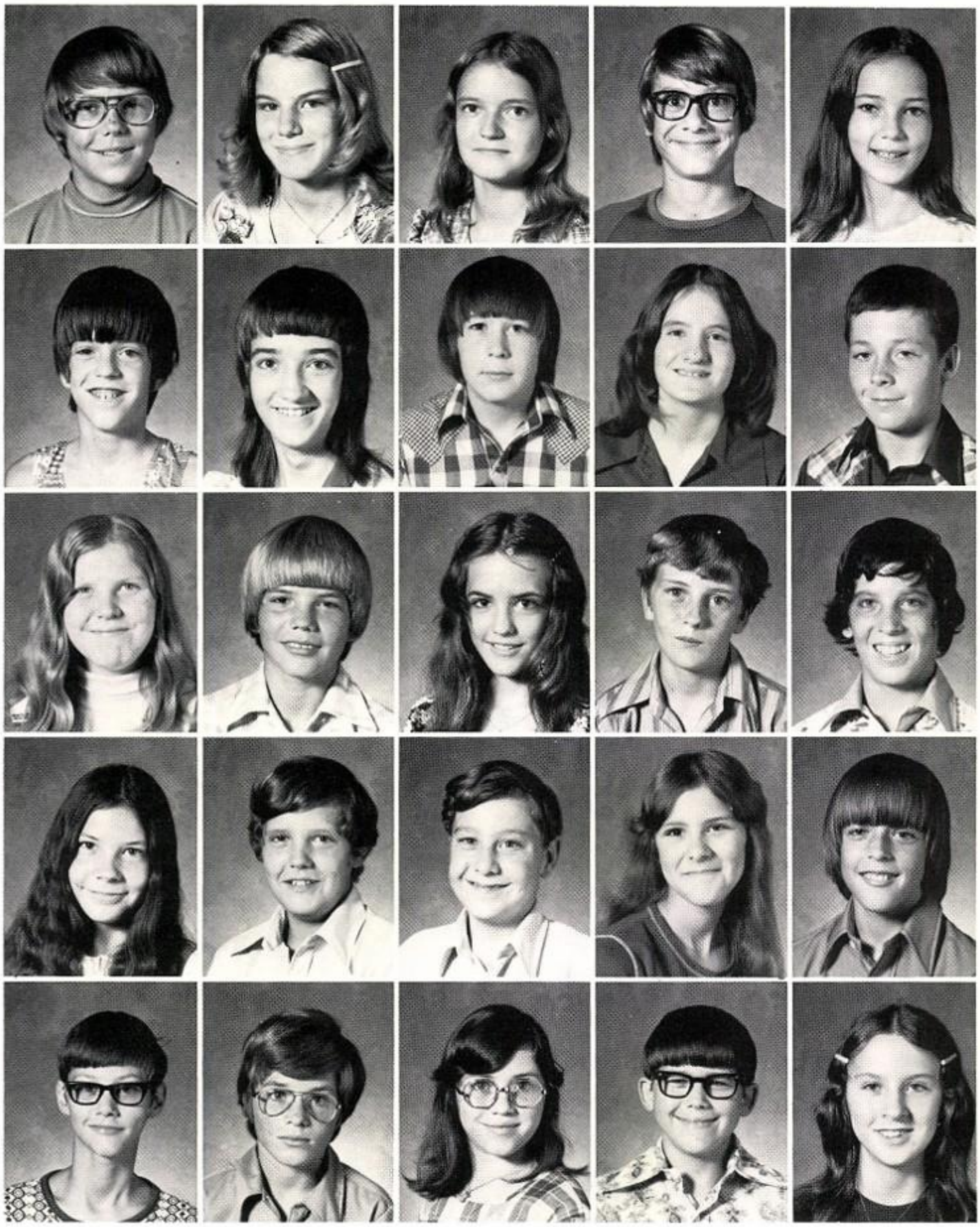

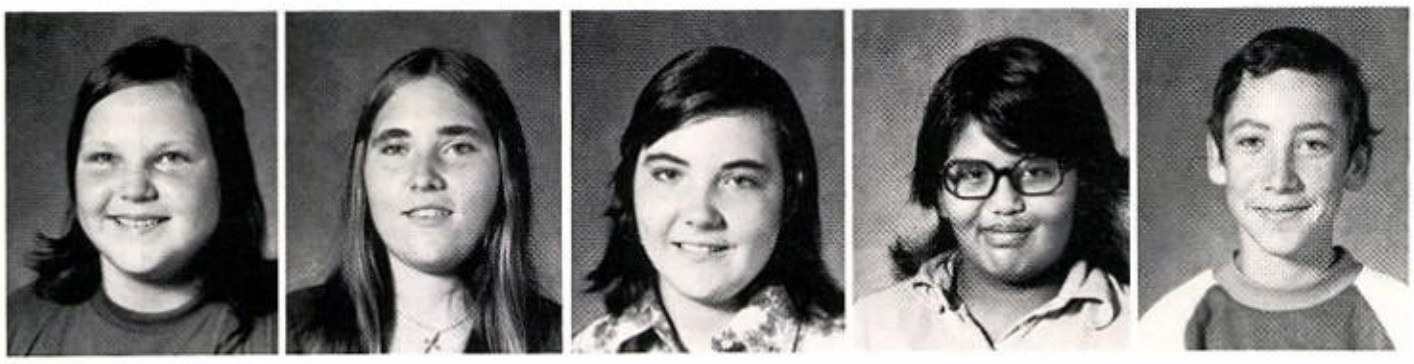

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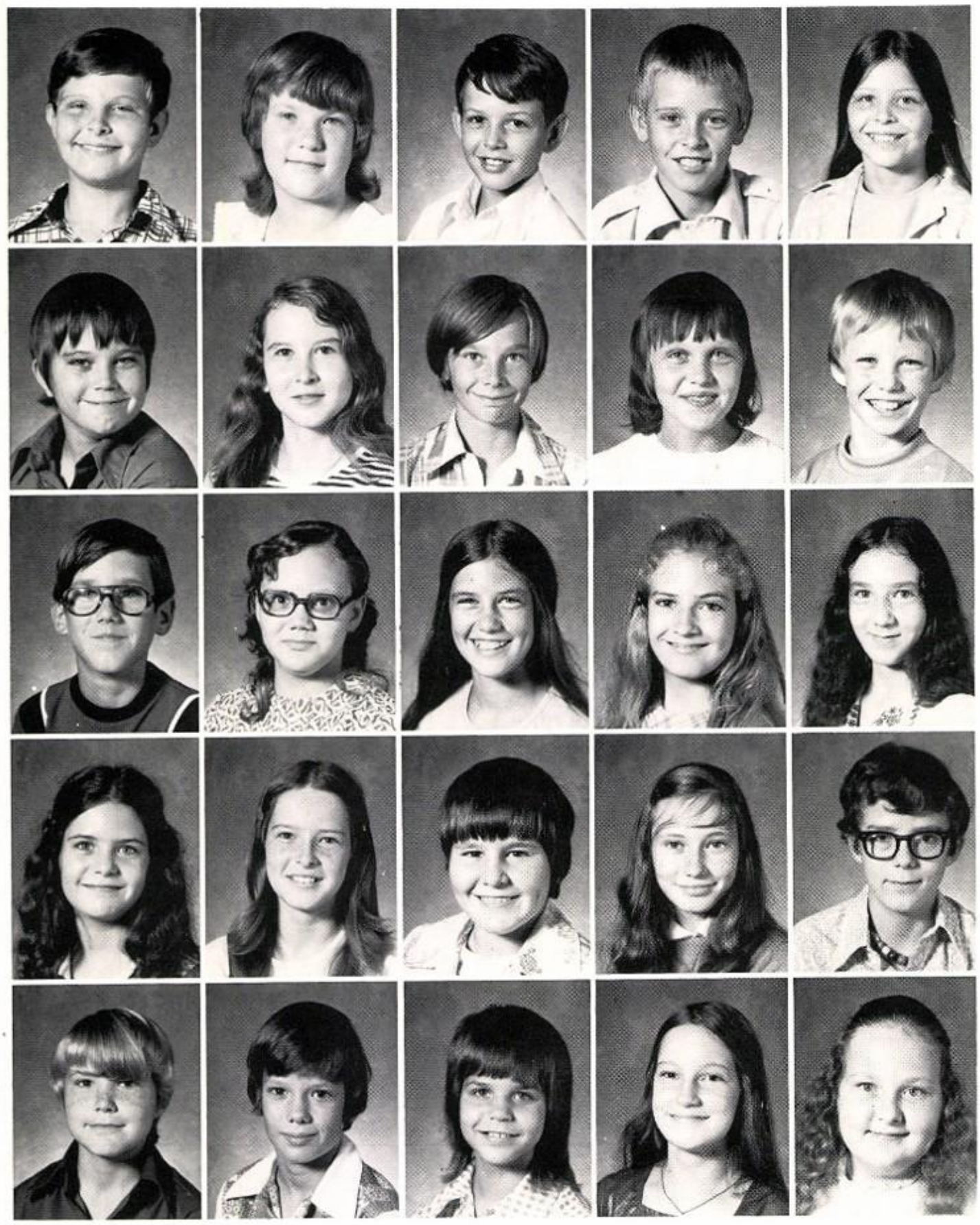

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Hoover, Teresa

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Johnson, Cheryl
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McCarver, Annie
McDowra, Thomas

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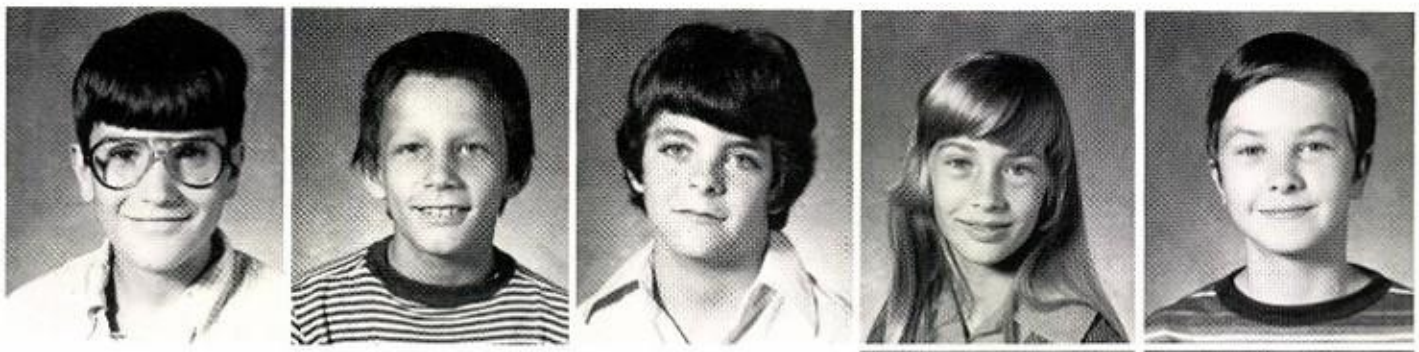

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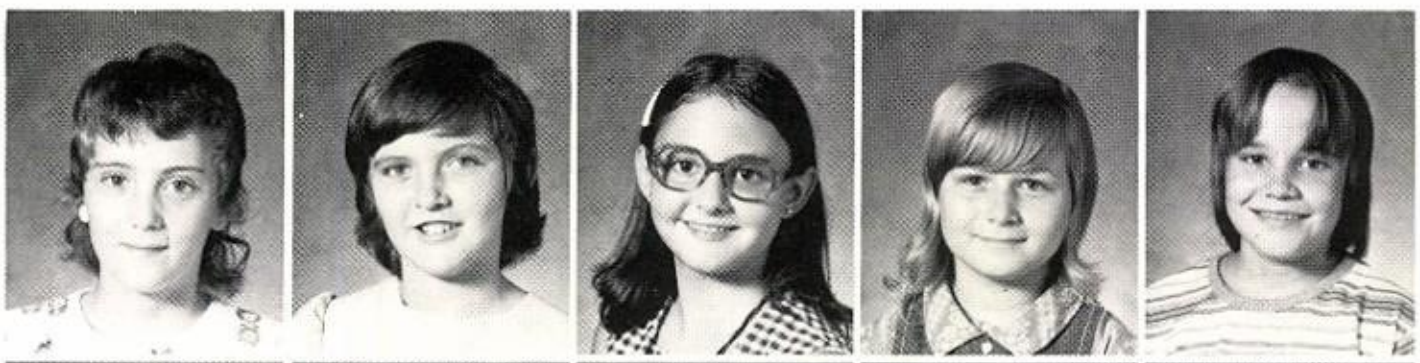

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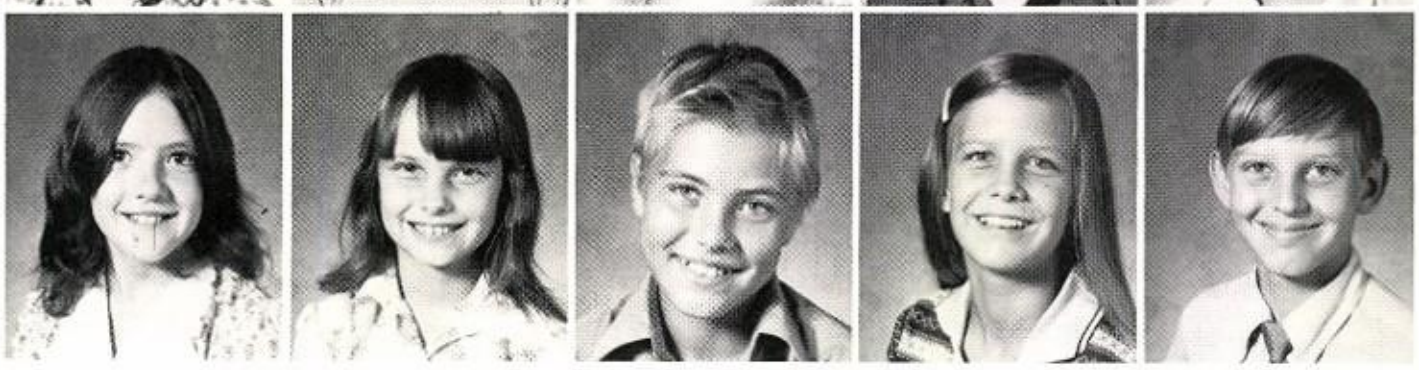

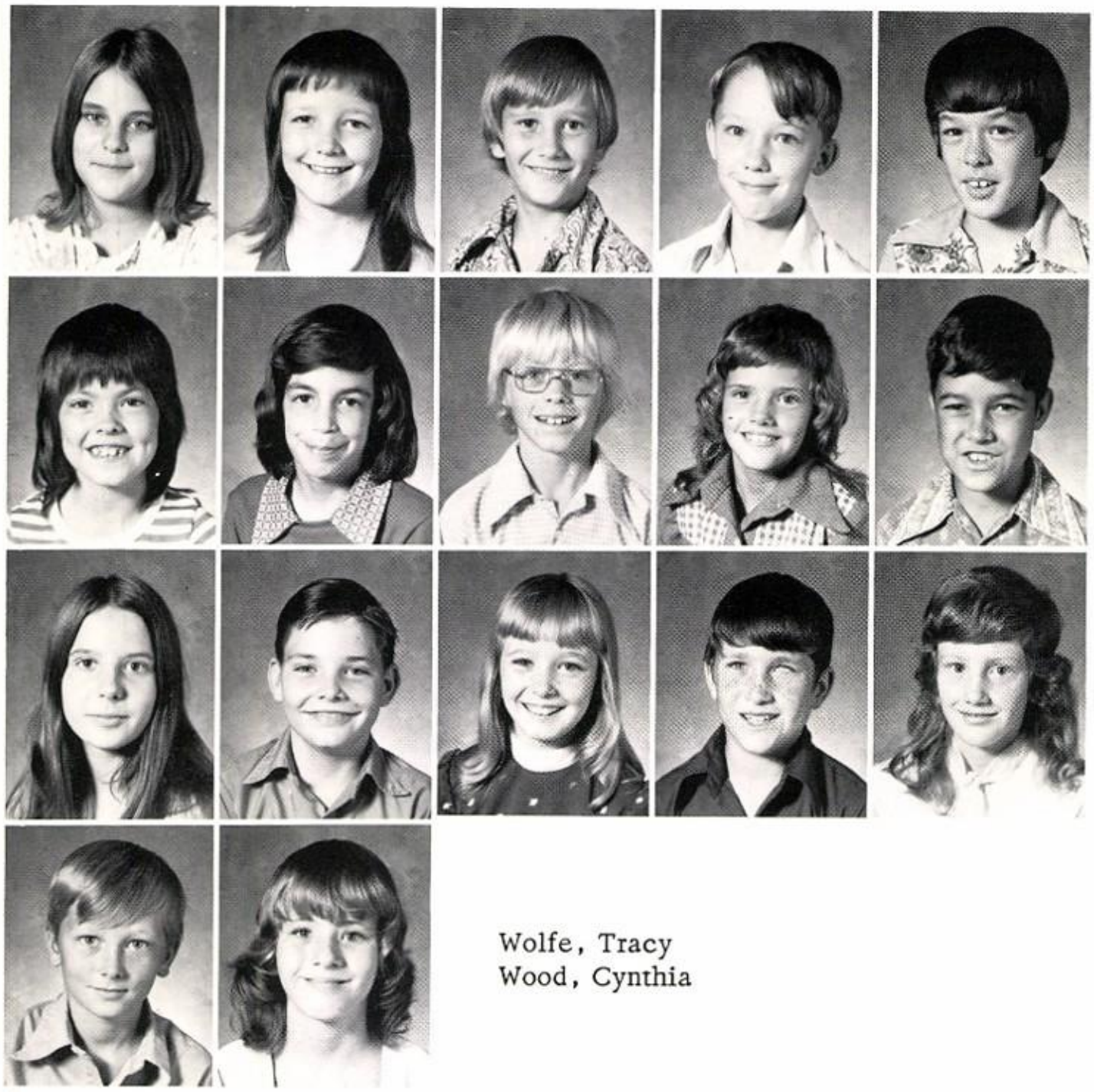

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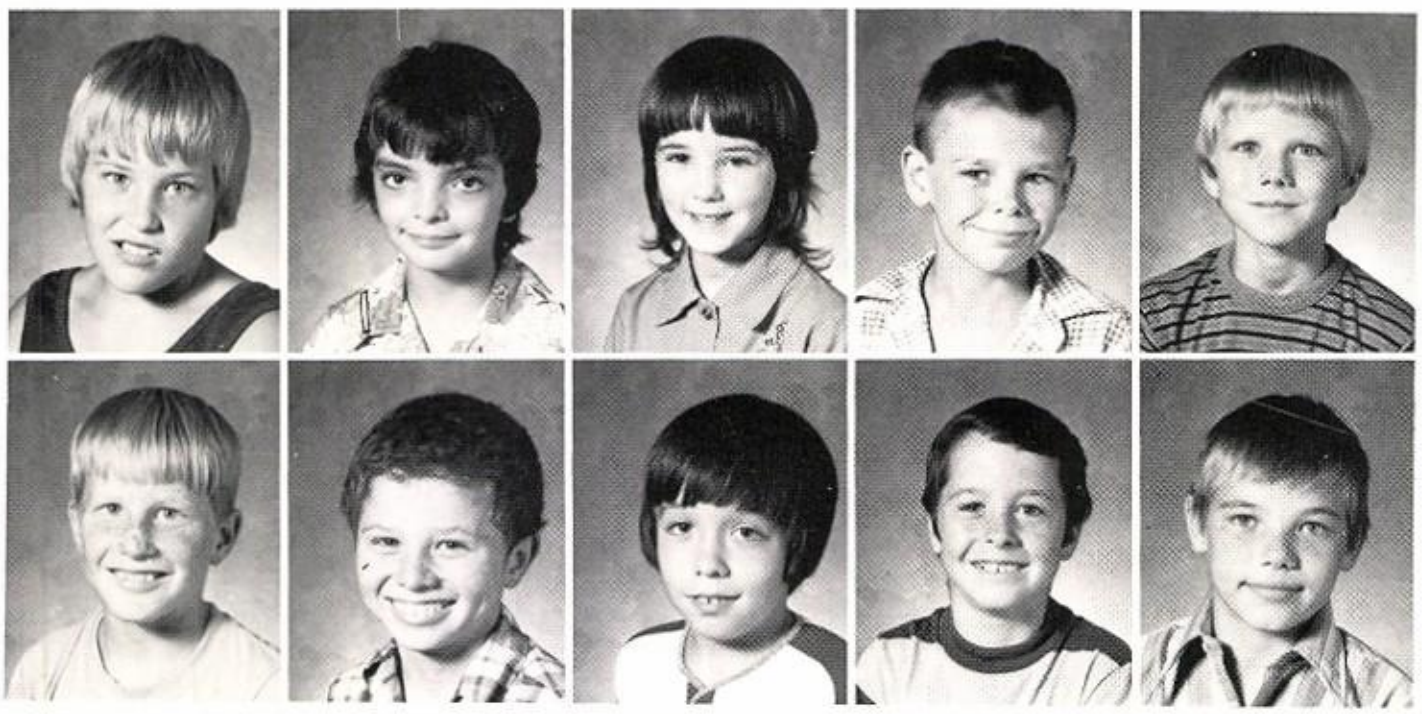

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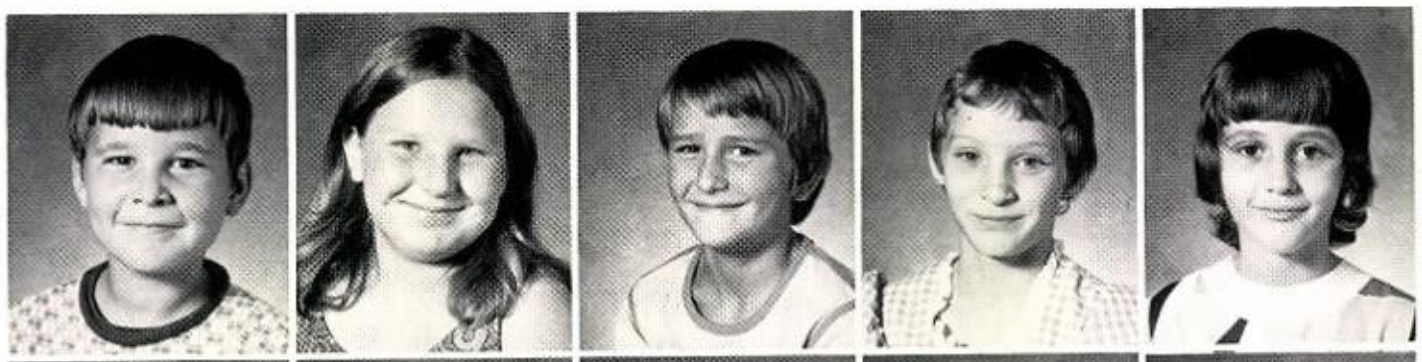

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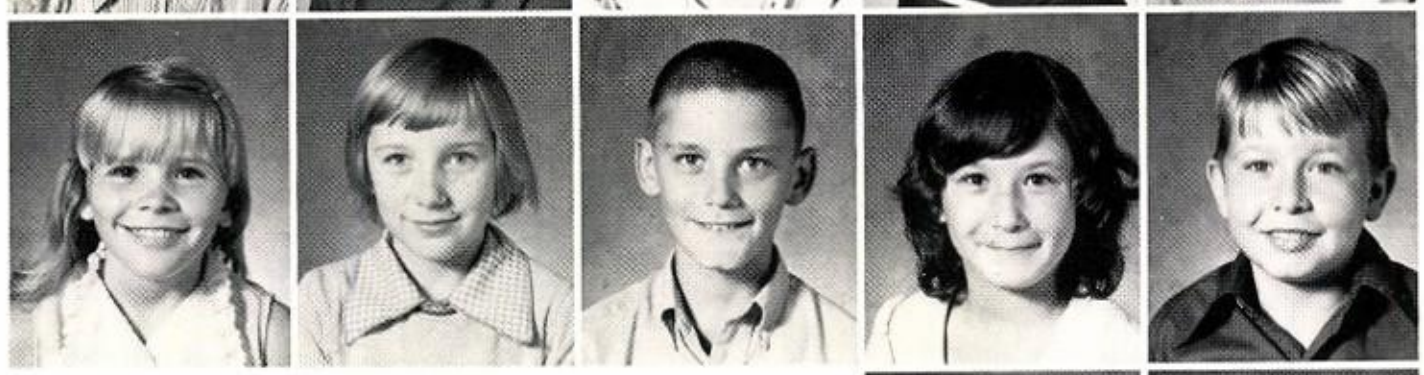

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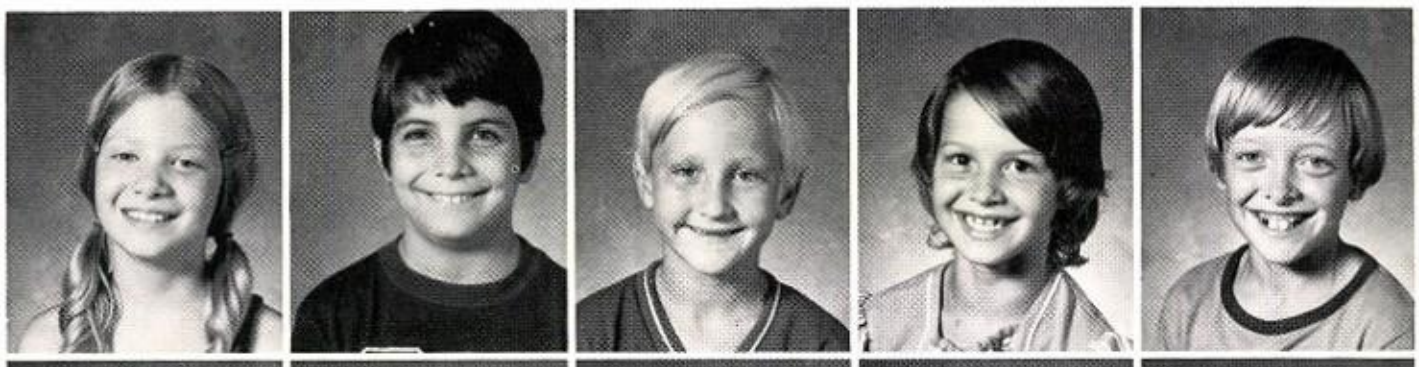

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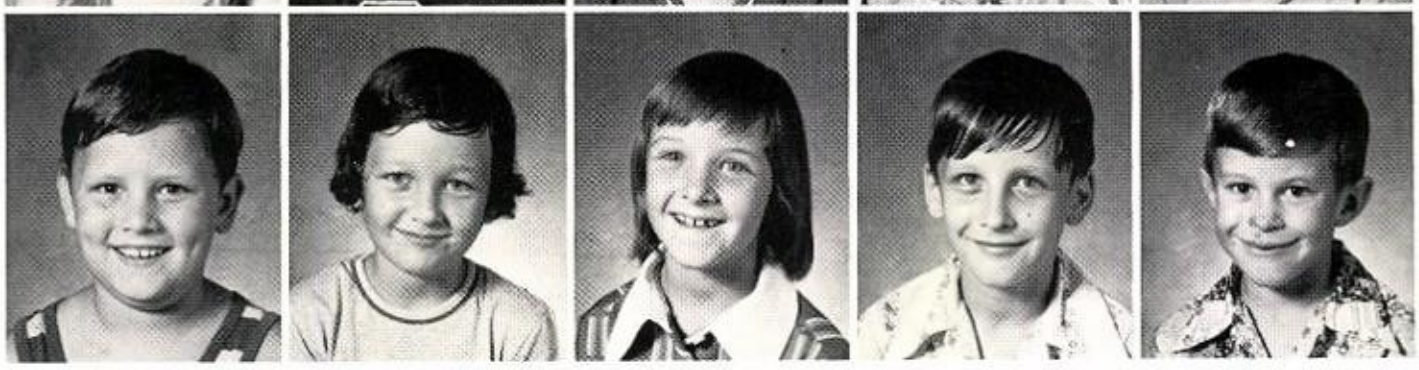

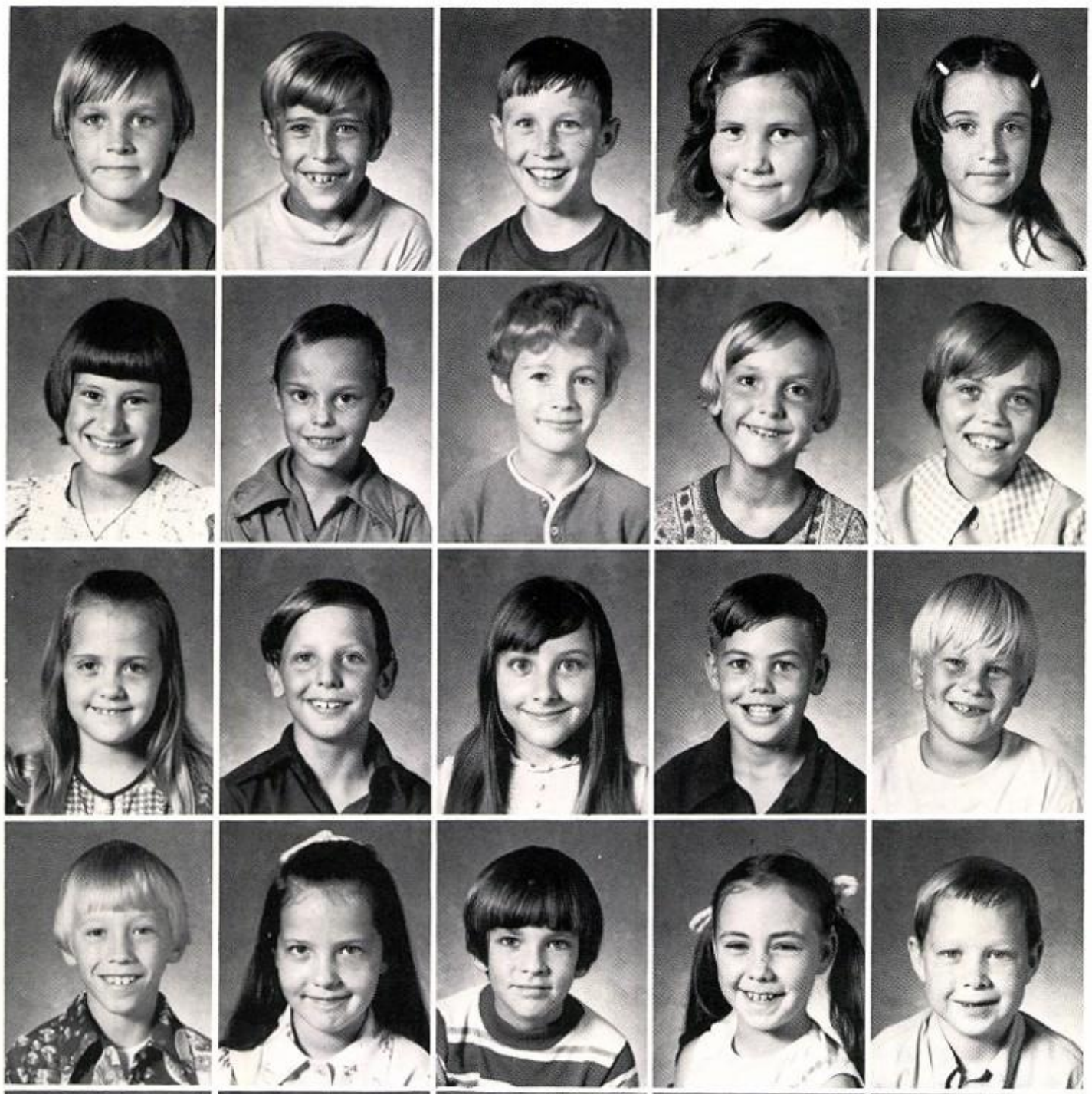

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Norrell, Gerald
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Penry, David

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Price, Glenn
Short, Angela
Smith, Caren
Smith, Jeffery

Stone, Jeffery
Sugg, Shirlene
Trussell, Jimmy

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Allen, John
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Keys, Klarissa
Knight, Rennie

Kyle, Michael
Long, Paul
McCarty, Ronald
Morsman, Charles
Nichols, Michelle

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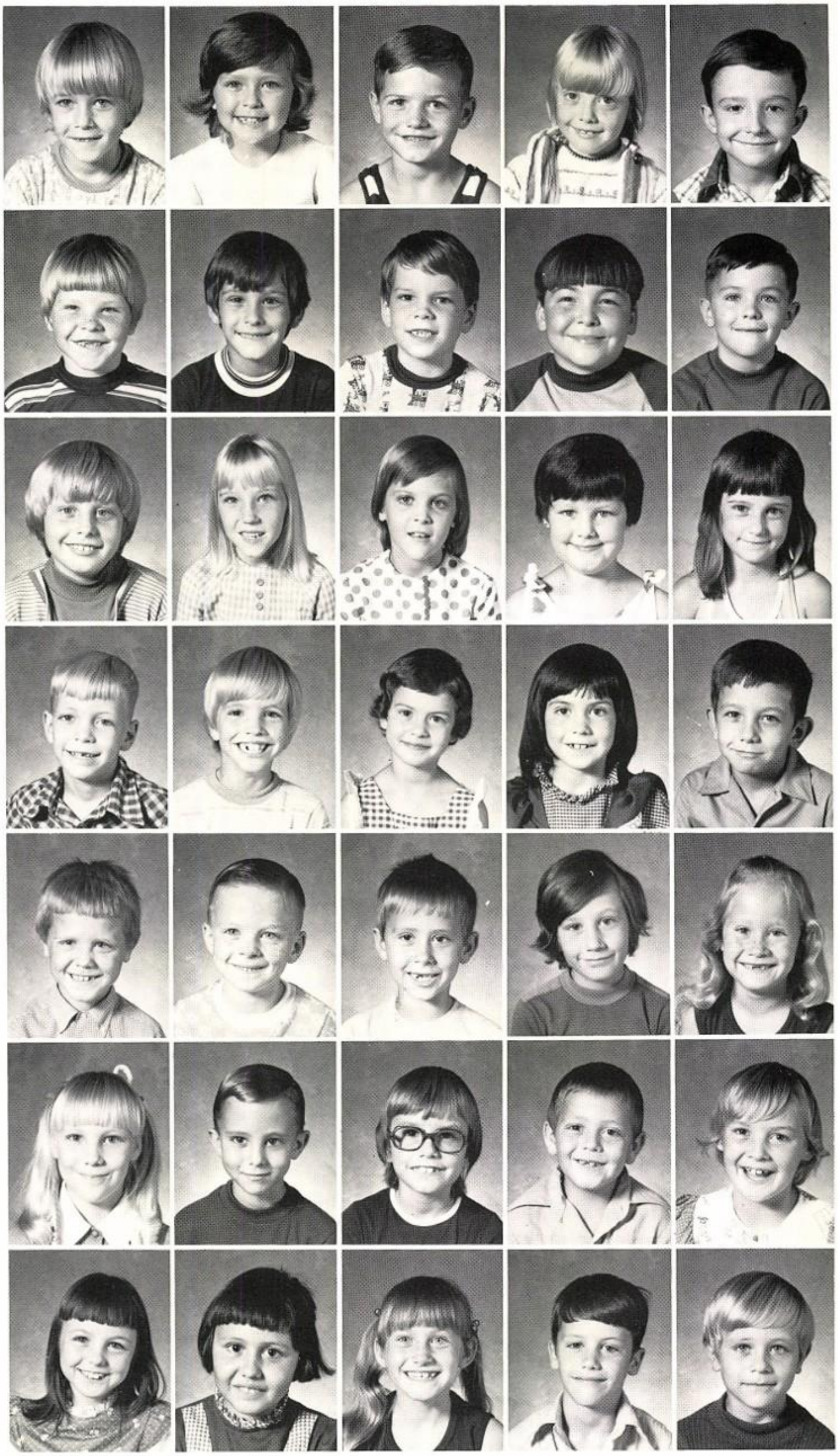

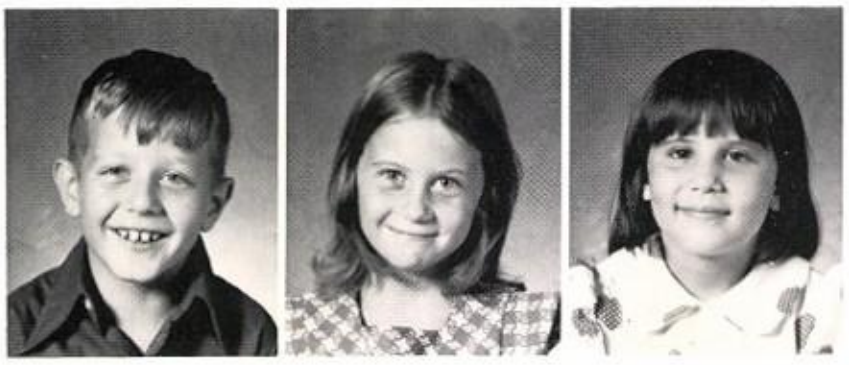

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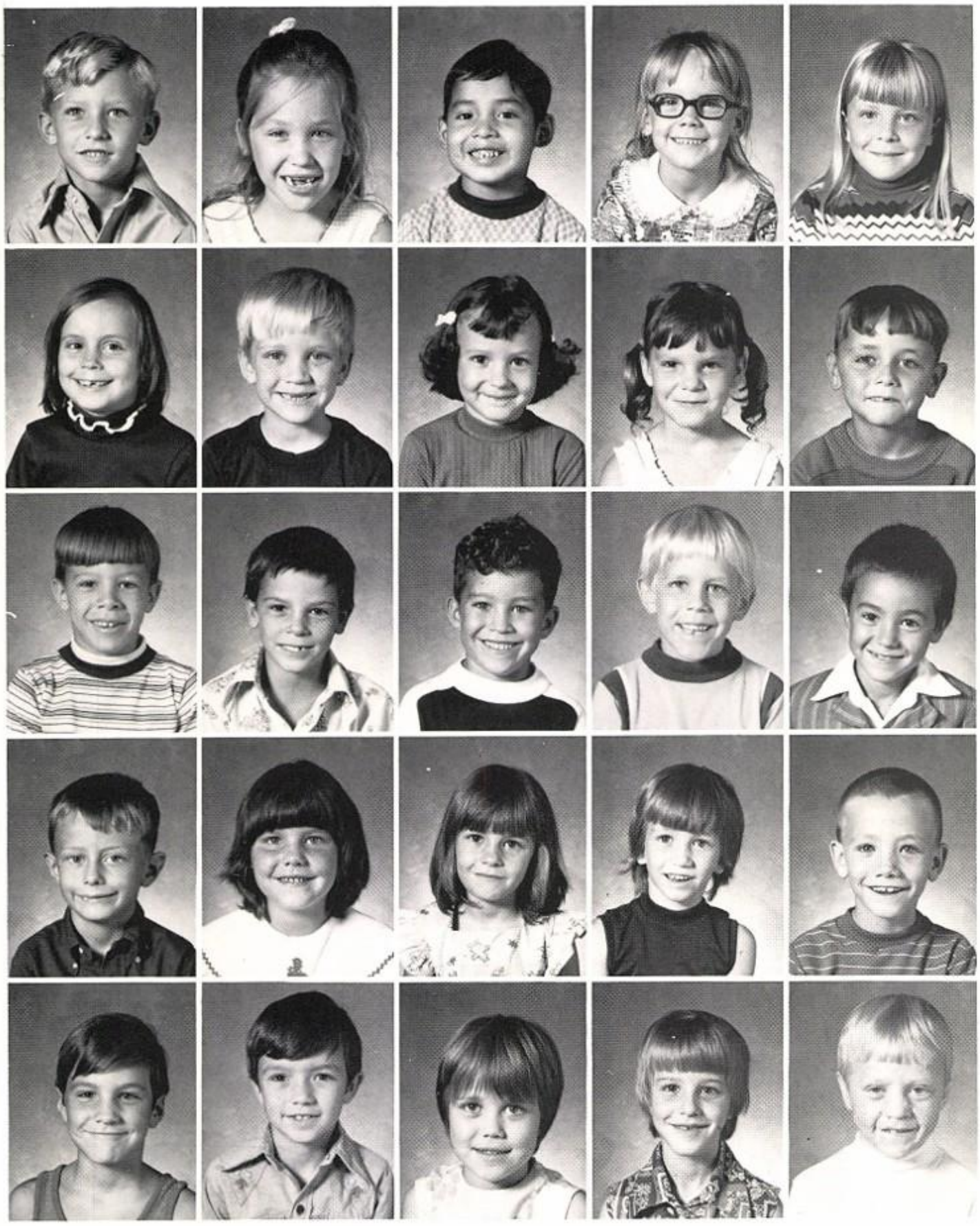

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Davis, Terry
Drake, Fred
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Fults, Robbie
Gates, Richard

Gooding, Benjy
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Harris, Carolyn
Haskell, Clista
Haskell, Larry

Herrin, Jeff
Huddleston, Allen
Ingram, Elizabeth
Jeffus, Christy
LaRue, Scott

Mitchell, Tina
Morgan, Erin
Morris, Michelle
Morsman, April
Pomroy, Jana

Ward, Pam
Westbrook, Shane

Kindergarten

Cochran, Cindy
Colwell, Chris
Cooper, Valerie
Crawford, Mandy
Crawford, Teena

Fonville, Tammy
Haskell, C. D.
Hunter, Debbie
Jackson, David
Johnson, Steven

Jones, Deidra
Keys, Kevin
Kyle, De Wayne
LaRue, Melissa
Ladd, Craig

Miller, Cyle
Pomroy, Paula
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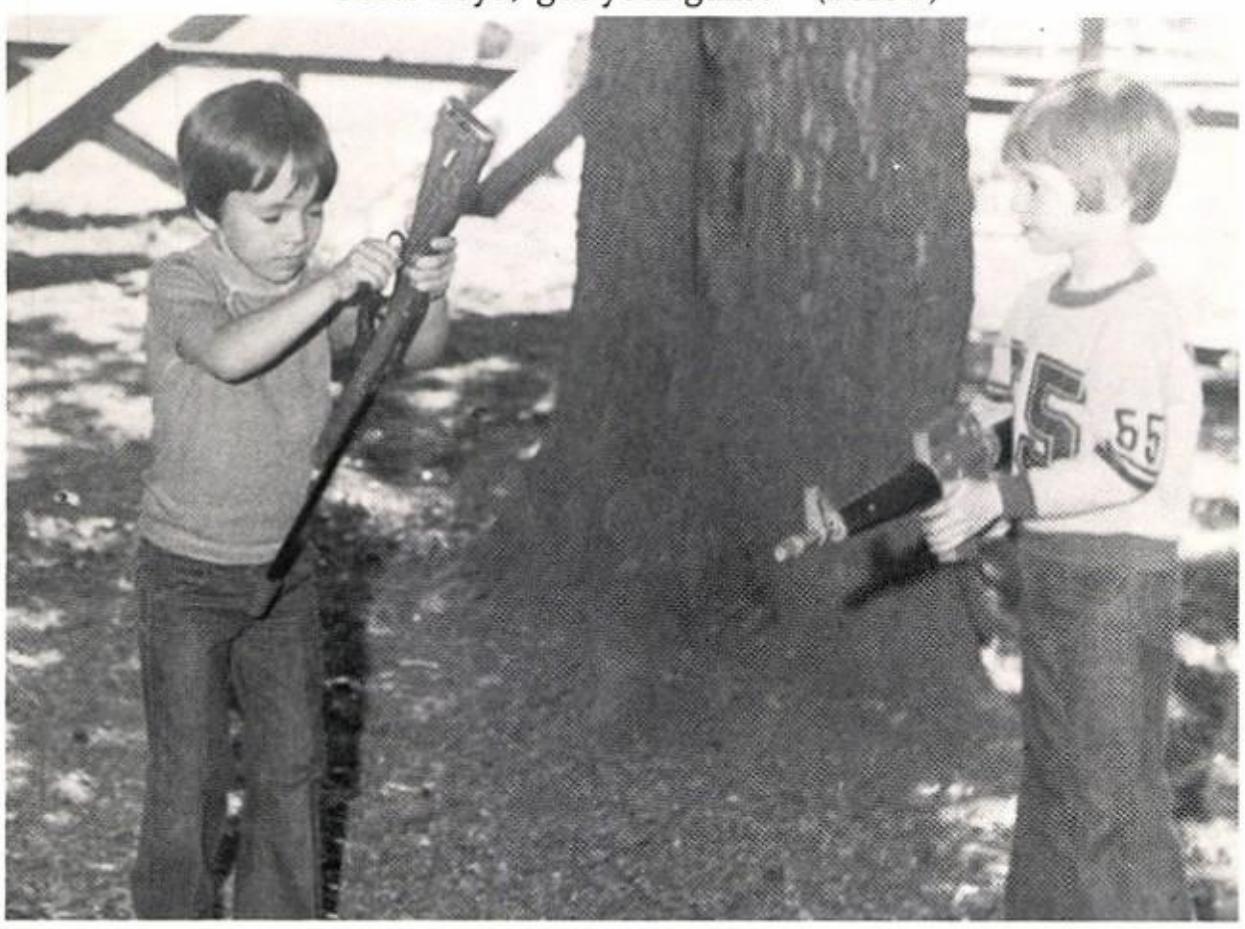
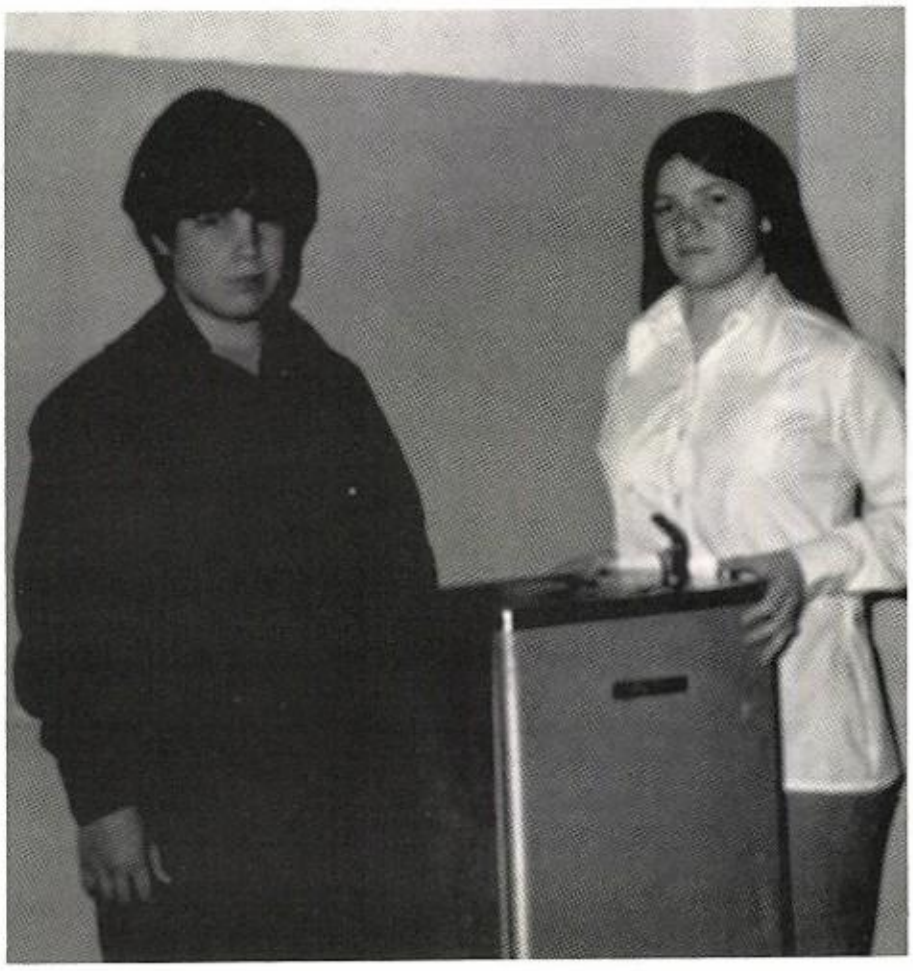
"O.K. boys, get your guns!" (below)



"Red Rover, Red Rover, let Kristi come over!" (below)

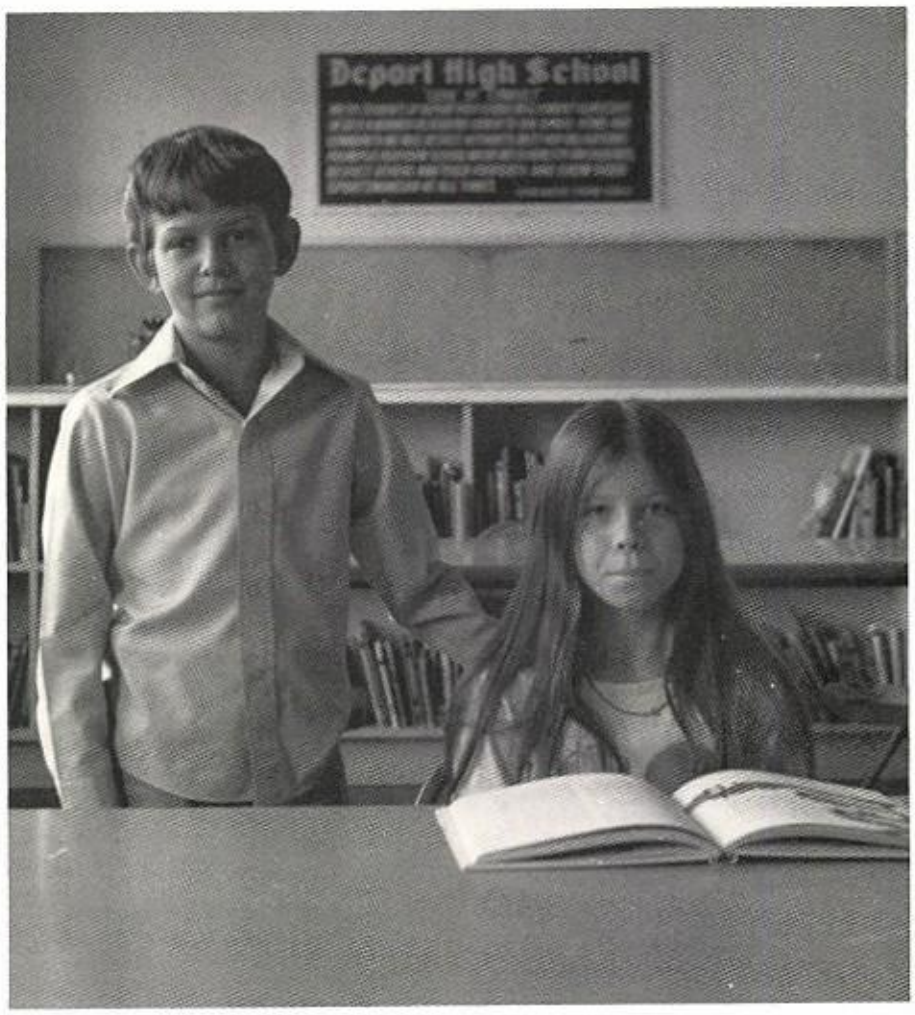
Smile! You're on Candid Camera. (above)

FAVORITES

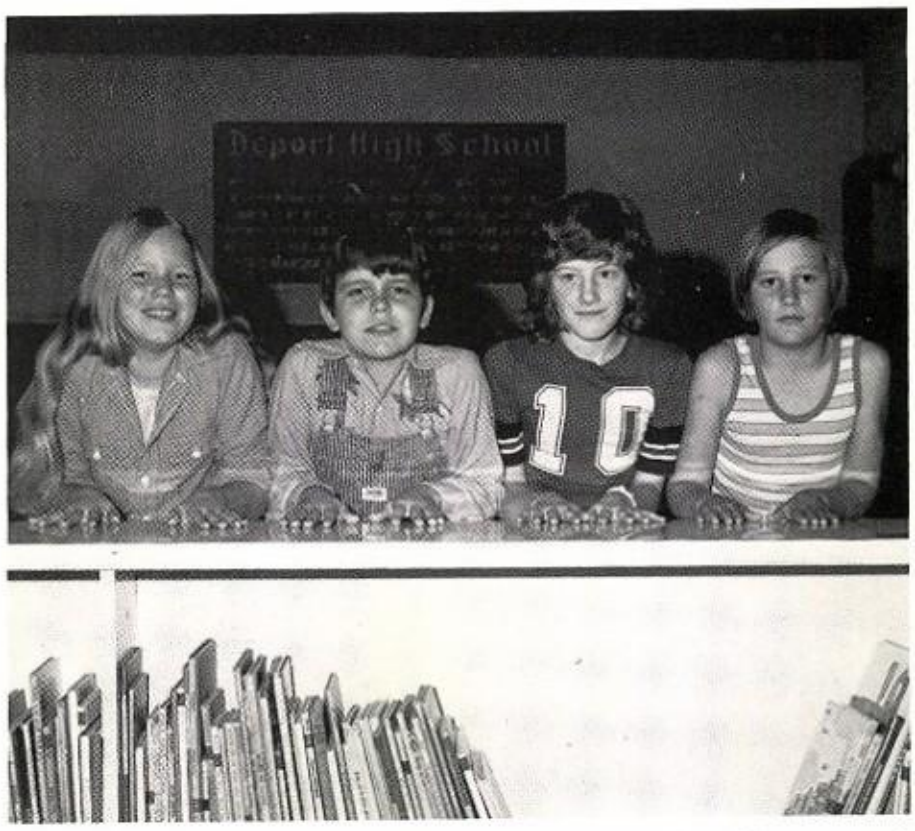


Eighth grade favorites are Mark Parsons and Tammy Bates.

Melanie Russell and Casey Bailey are seventh grade favorites.



Elected favorites for the sixth grade are Barry Ballard and Yuette Briscoe.

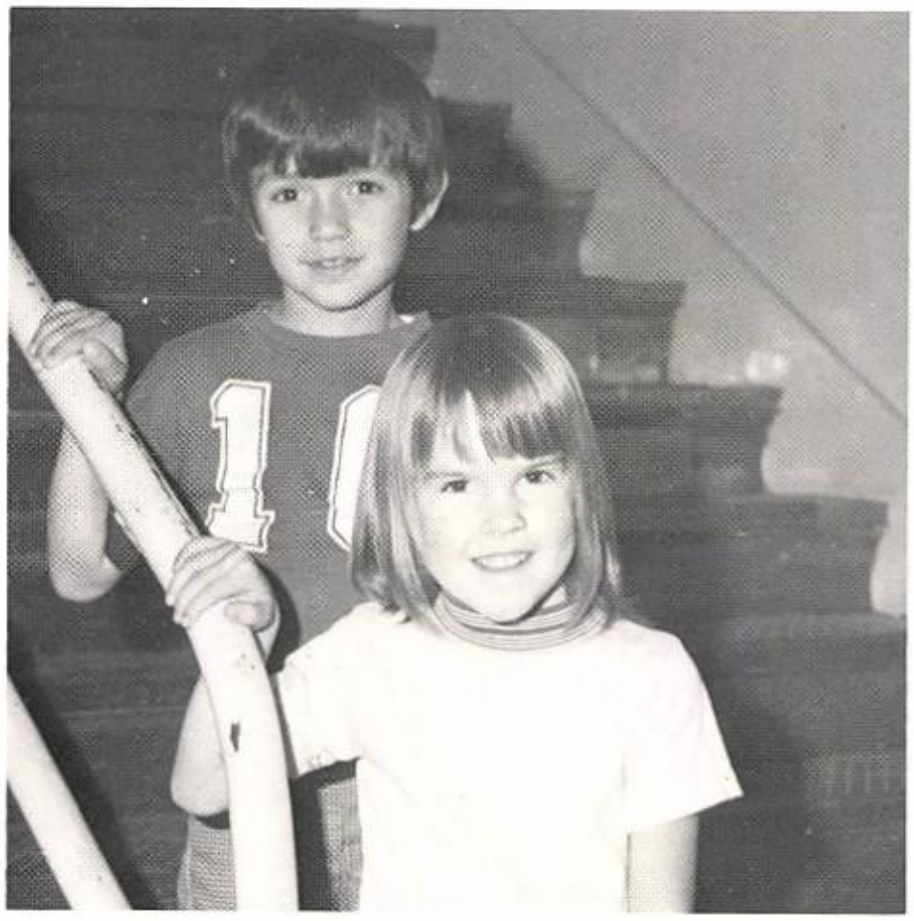


Karol Hargus, Craig Miller, Tammi White, and Todd Betterton are favorites for the fifth grade.

Fourth Grade favorites are Donoven Baker and Sandra Cavender.

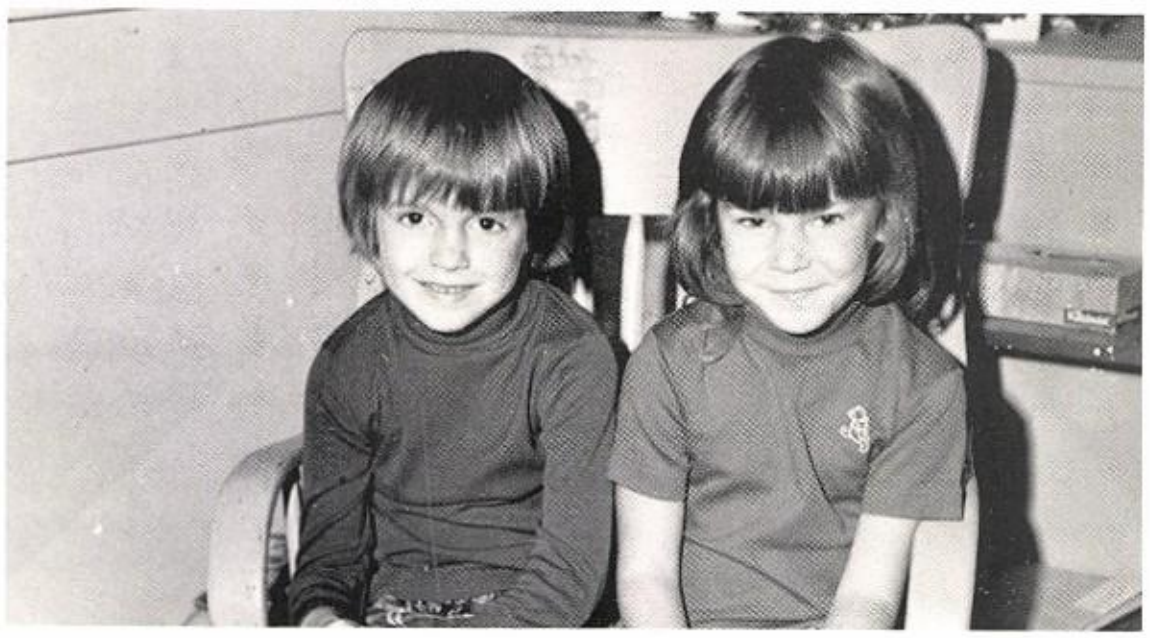
Third Grade favorites are Mike Bailey and Donna Bratten.

Second Grade favorites are John Allen and Joanna Keys.



First Grade favorites are Allen Dale Huddleston and Jana Pomroy.

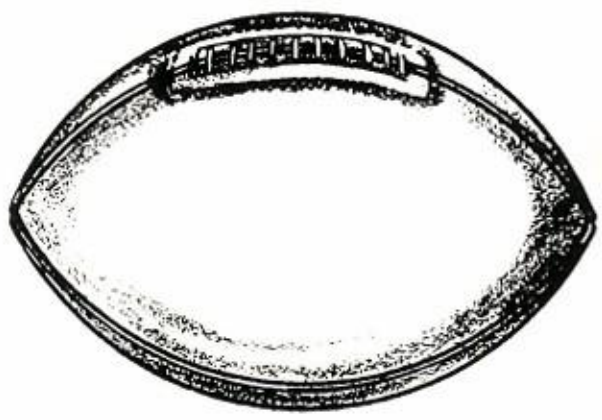
Kindergarten Favorites



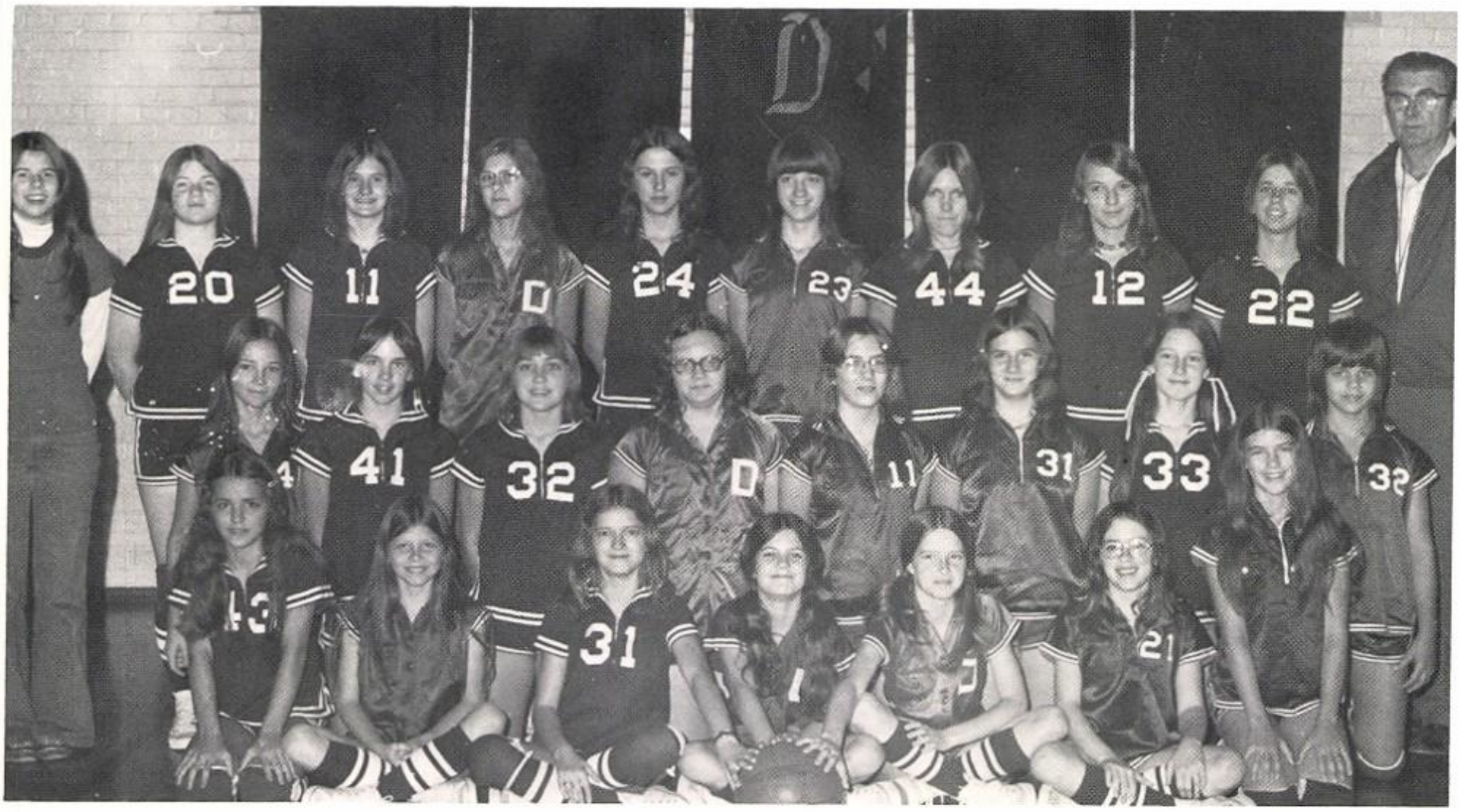
Paula Pomroy
Kevin Keys

ELEMENTARY PATRIOTS

Standing - B. Cavender, L. Watson, R. Connot, P. Allen, M. Klinkerman, S. Norwood. Kneeling - D. Cantrell, T. Norwood, T. Harvey, M. Parsons, M. Francis, W. Spray, D. Crump. Sitting - L. Humphrey, J. Davidson, V. Porter, R. Nixon, M. Rhodes, G. Jackson, J. Frazier, R. Pendleton.

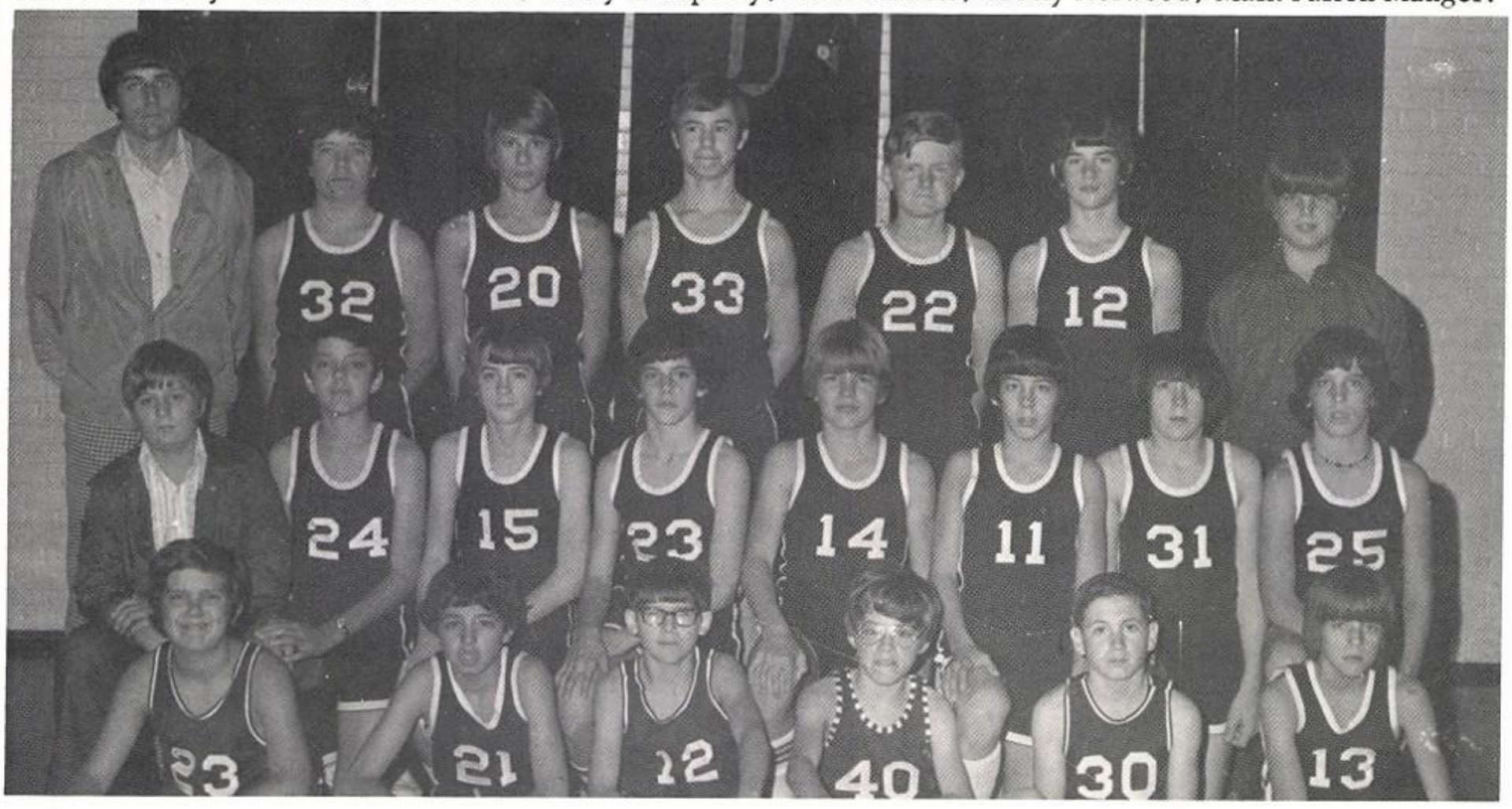


TIGERETTES AND TIGERS

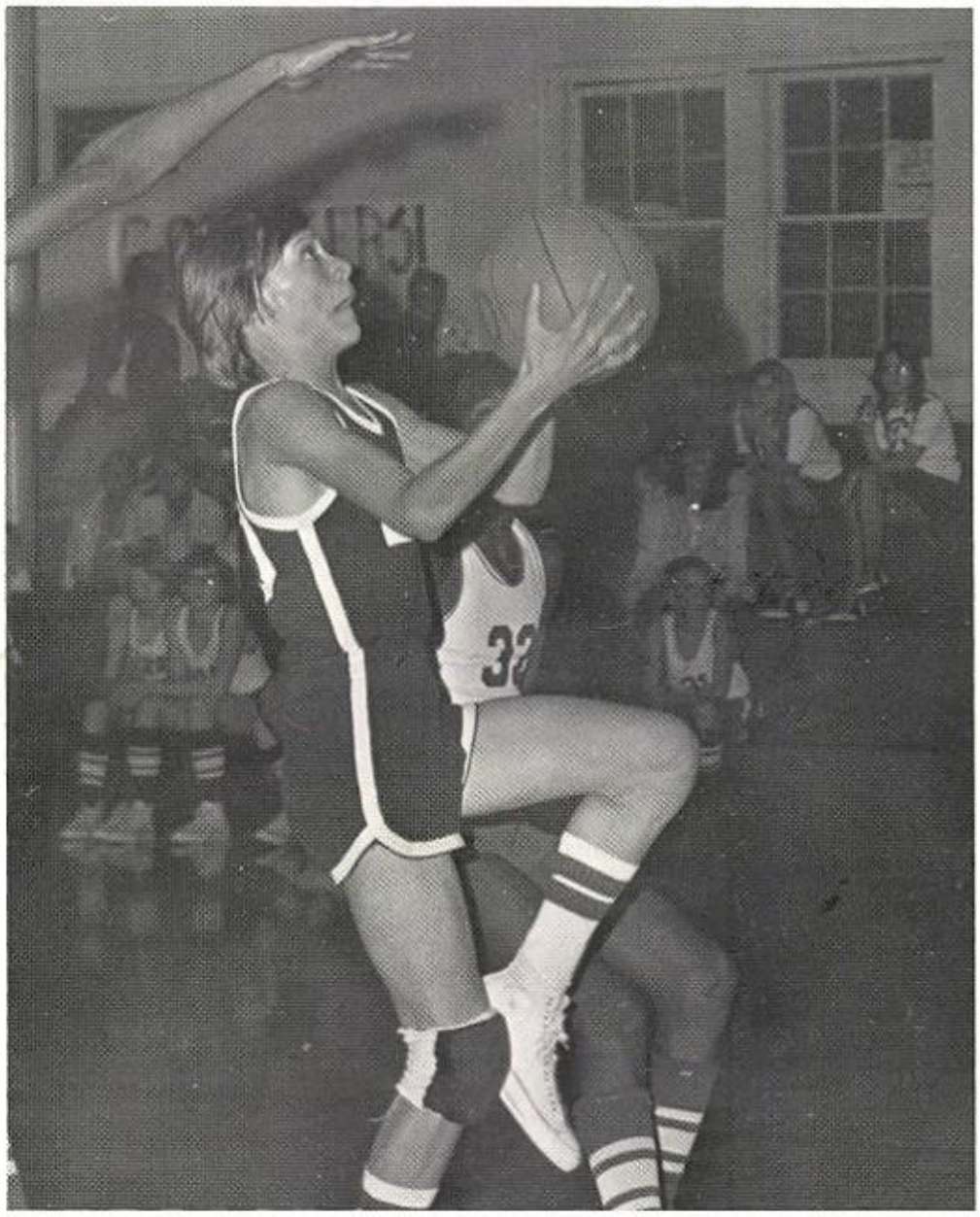


Members of the girls basketball are (1. to r.) Front row - Pam Kyle, Yvette Briscoe, Shari Bryant, Dina Jackson, Cheryl Johnson, Melanie Russell and Melody Holland. Second row - Shelia Cavender, Diana Strictland, Vicki Couch, Denise Good, Carol Ford, Linda Holliday, Becky Pendleton, Kristi Parsons. Back row - Manager Ann Shelton, Tammy Bates, Cindy Holiday, Robin Rhodes, Tammy Stout, Sandra Fonville, Cheryl Salter, Cindy Caster, Cathy Fonville, and Coach Gordon Isabell.

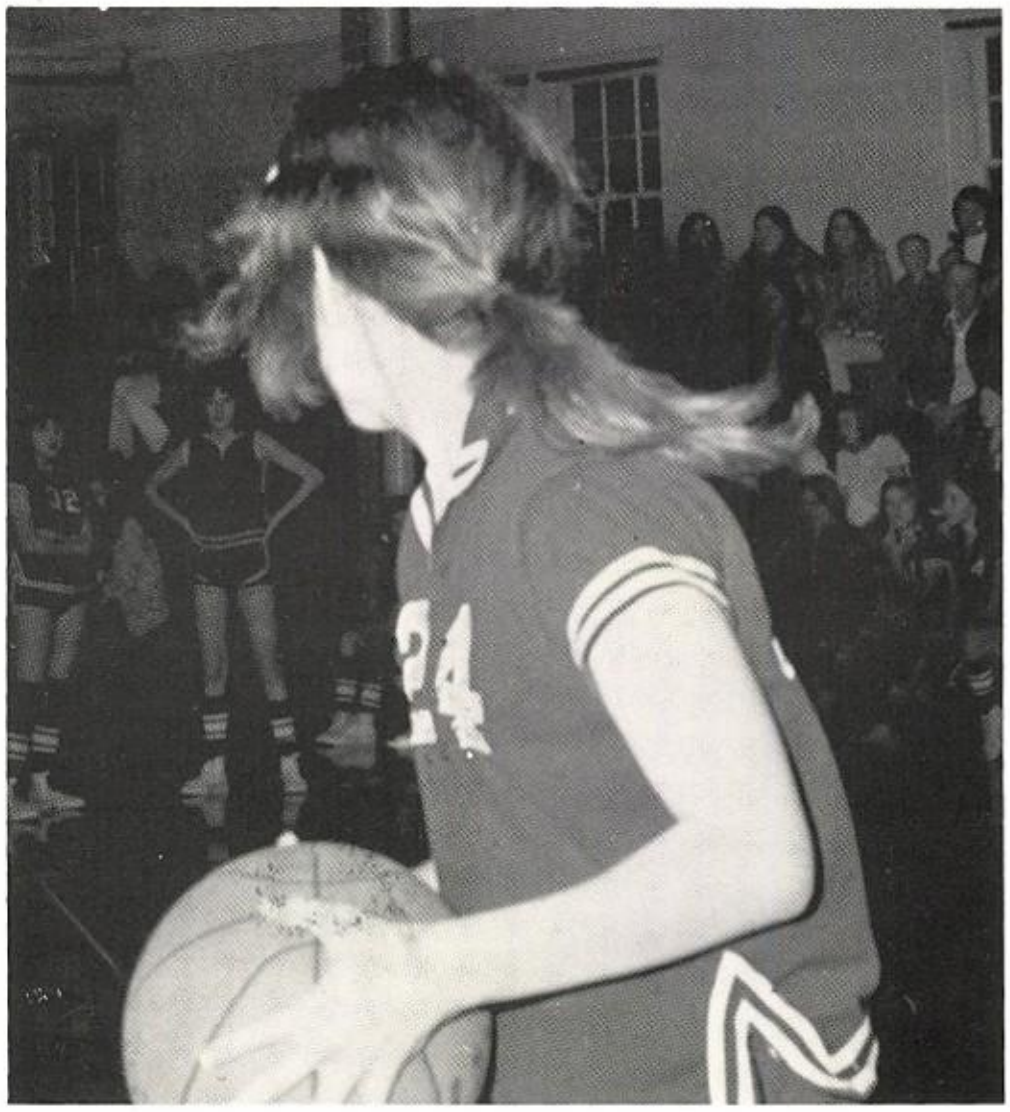
Members of the boys basketball are (1. to r.) Front row - Jeff Nichols, Randy Pendleton, Timothy Skidmire, Marvin Russell, Travis Crossland, Mark Rhodes. Second row - Manager Geron Jackson, Jeff McDowra, Tracy Norwood, Tracy Harvey, Jeff Kennedy, Raymond Nixon, Cliff Gifford, Jeff McEntyre. Third row - Coach Ronnie Baker, Billy Cavender, Brad Burks, Landy Humphrey, Mark Francis, Scotty Norwood, Mark Parson Manger.

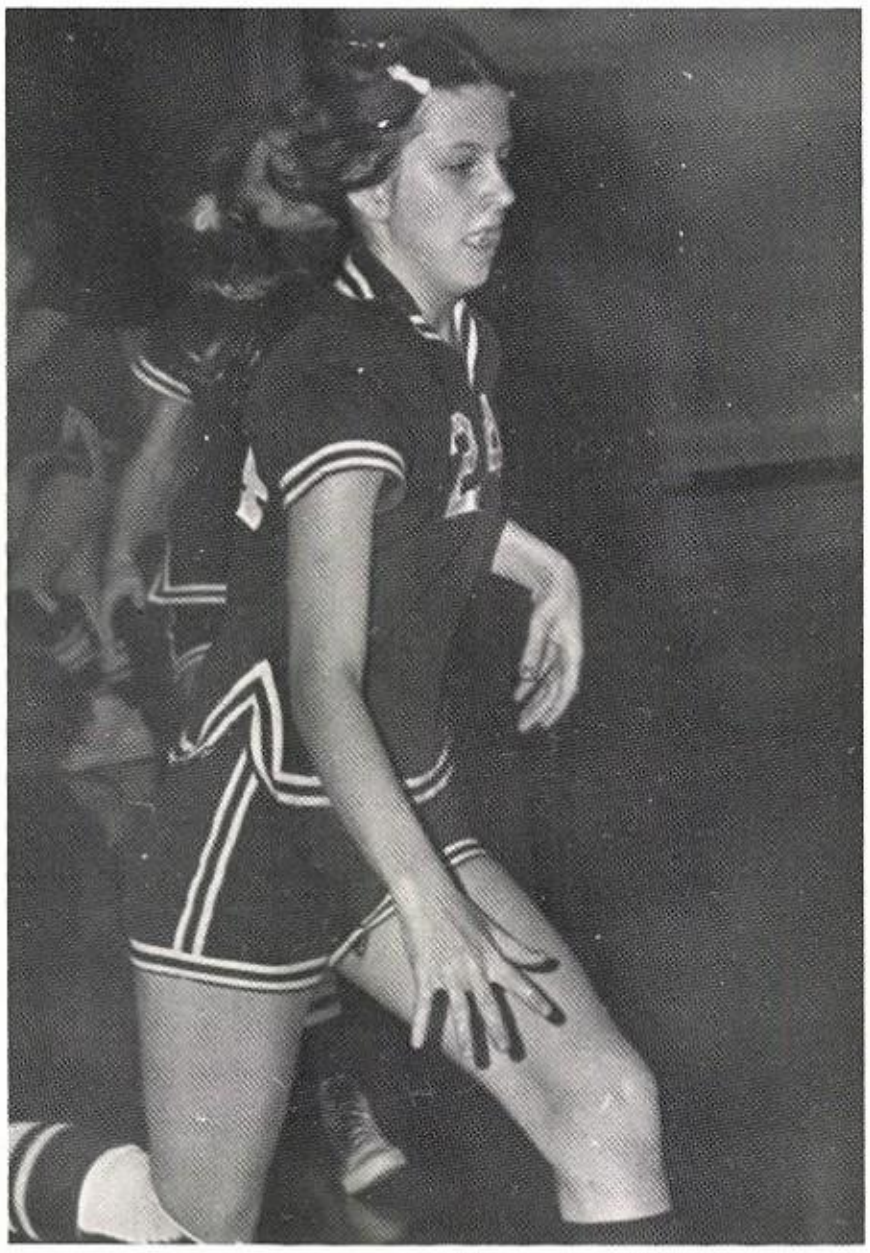


SCHOOL DAYS . . .



I wonder what Brad thought when he saw that hand instead of the goal?



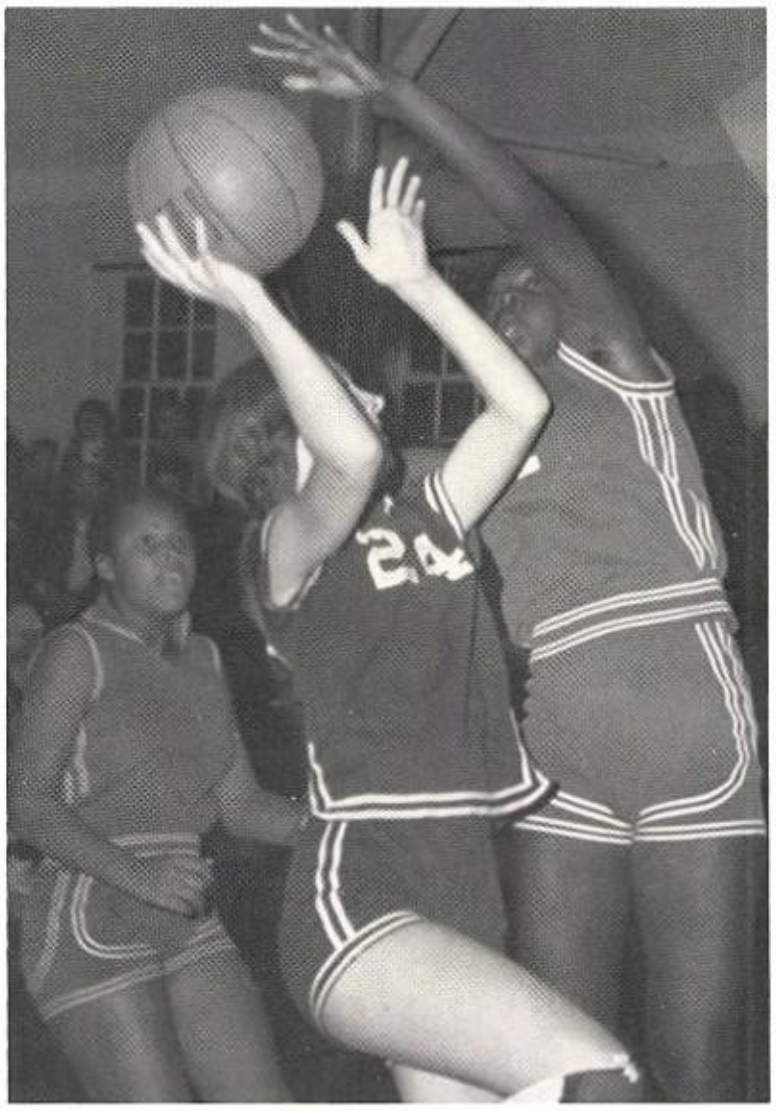


Come on somebody, give me some help! (Tammy Stout) (above)

HEY! Where did that ball go? (Tammy Stout) (at left)

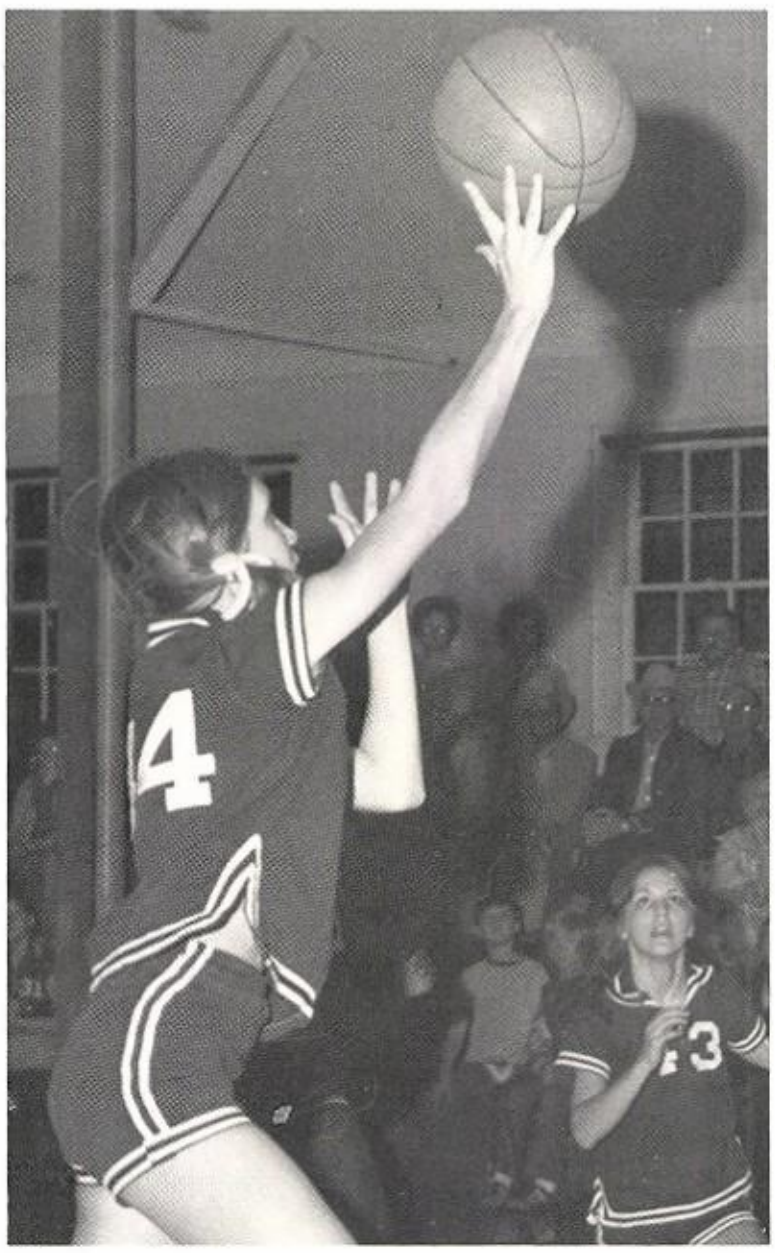
Mrs. Billy Ford, Aide, keeps busy grading the students' papers. (at left)

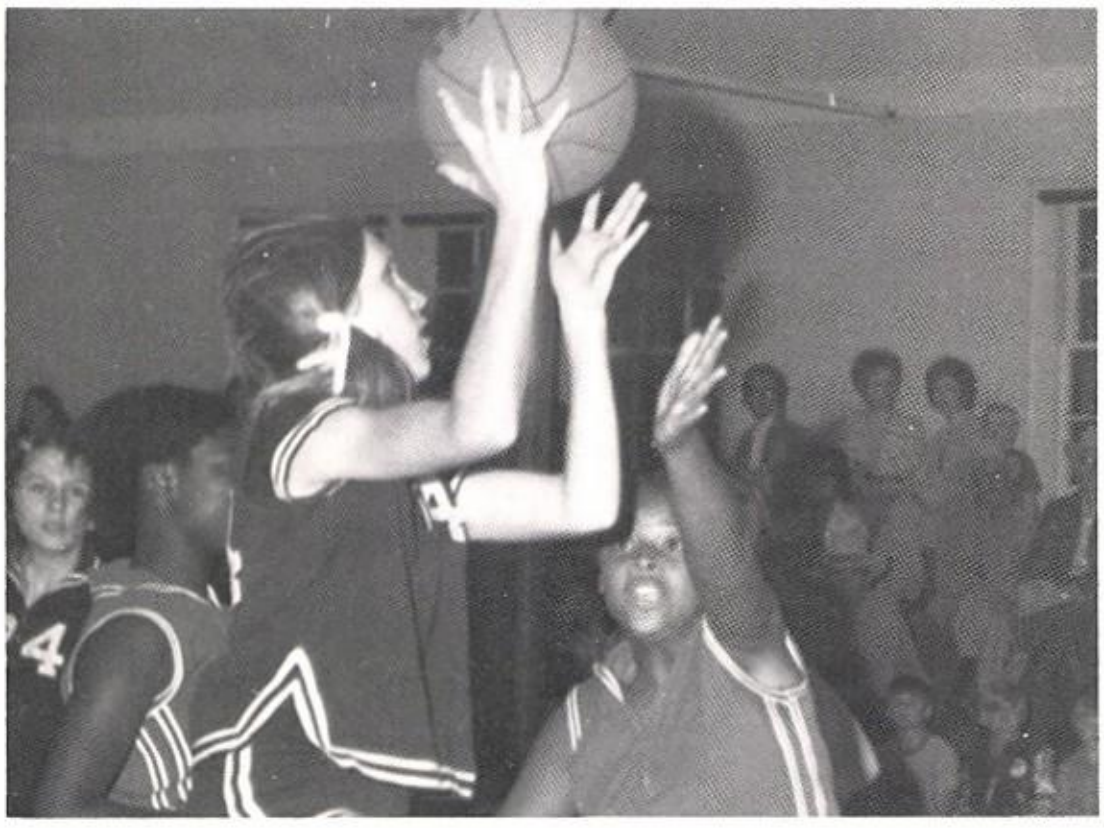
Talk about long arms! (T. Stout, at right)



The eyes of Deport are upon you! (C. Salters, below)

Deport P.T.A. and the students celebrated America's 200th birthday with a Bicentennial program. (above)





Cheryl Salters tries for two. (at left)

DEPORT CAFETERIA STAFF

The Deport students appreciate Mrs. Sudy Nichols, Mrs. Hope Allen, and Mrs. Linnie Bailey for their delicious hot turkey sandwiches and homemade cobbler.

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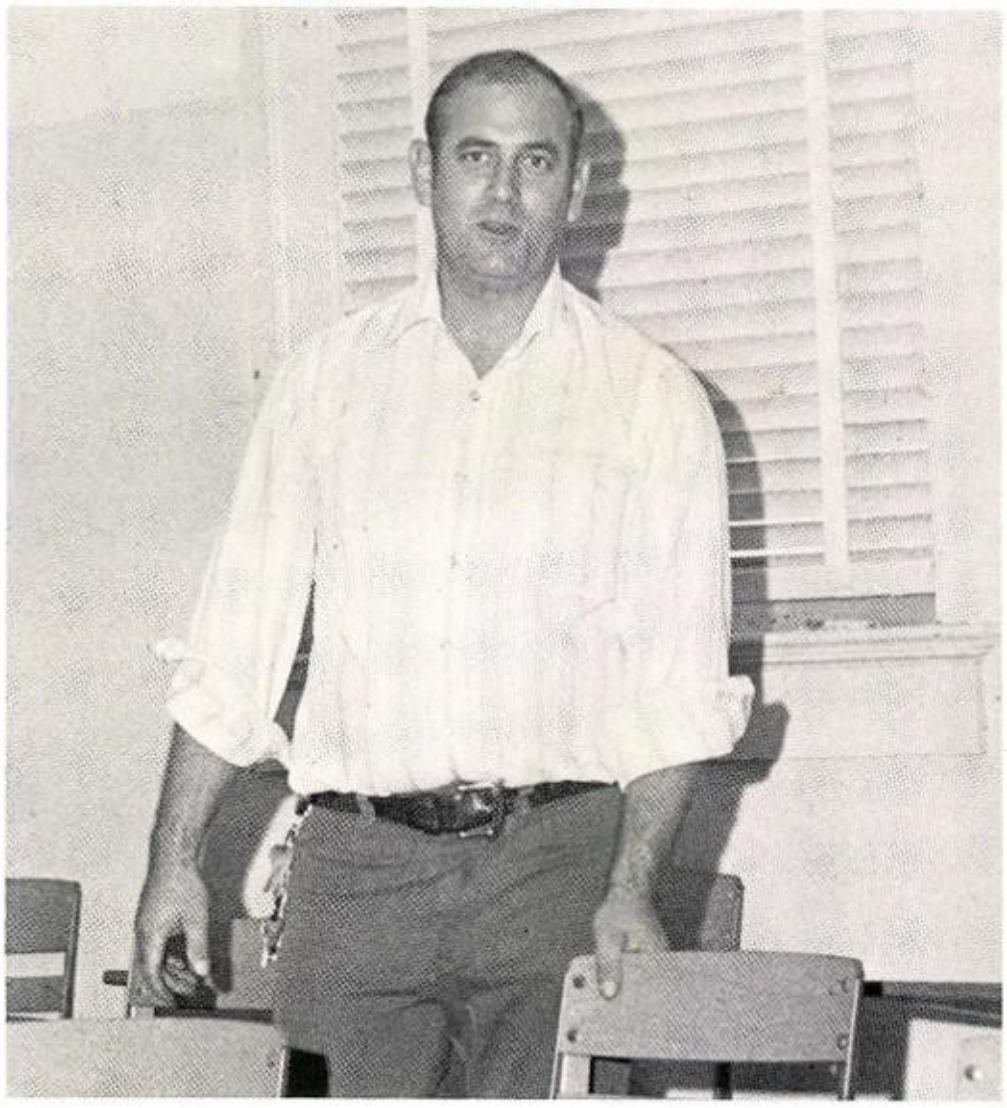

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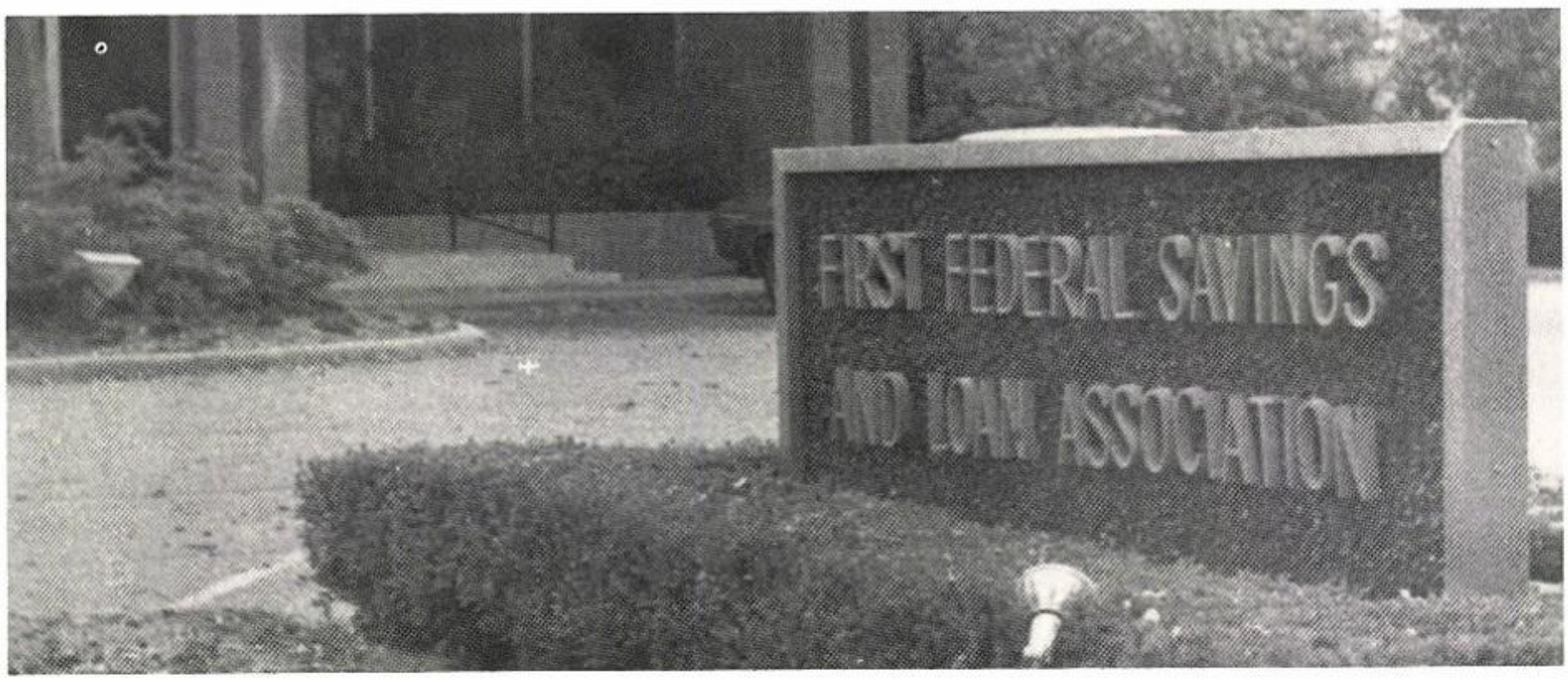

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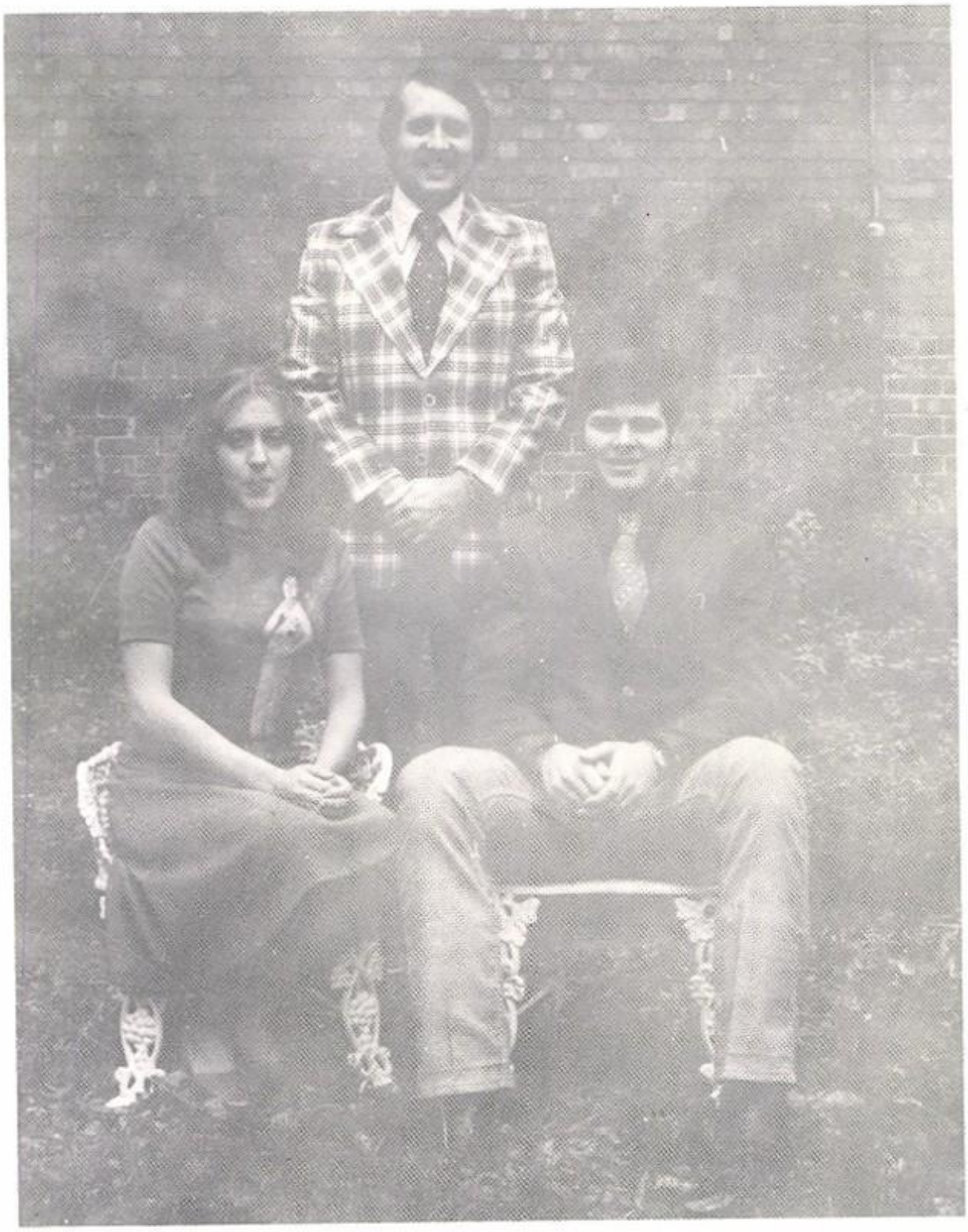

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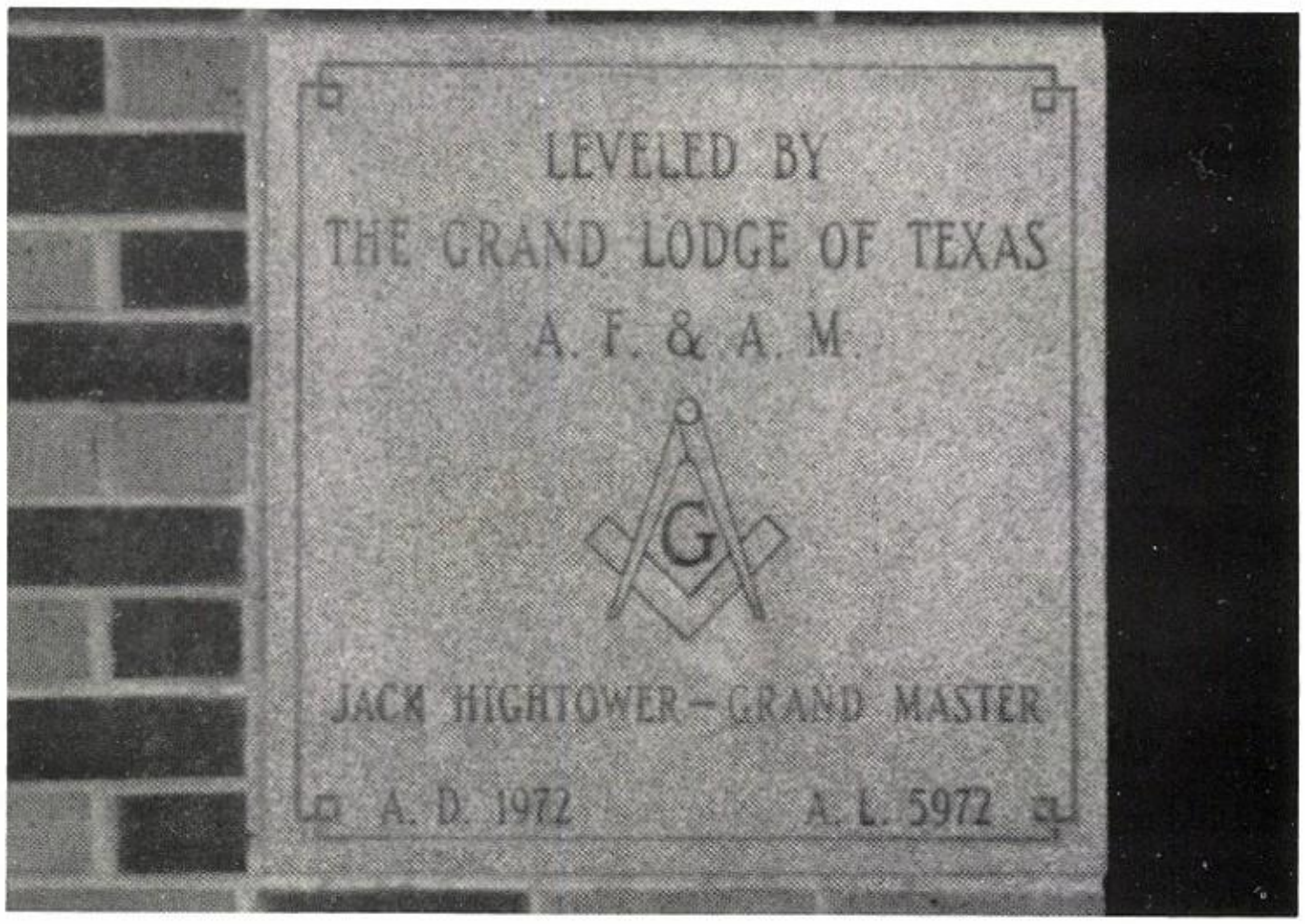

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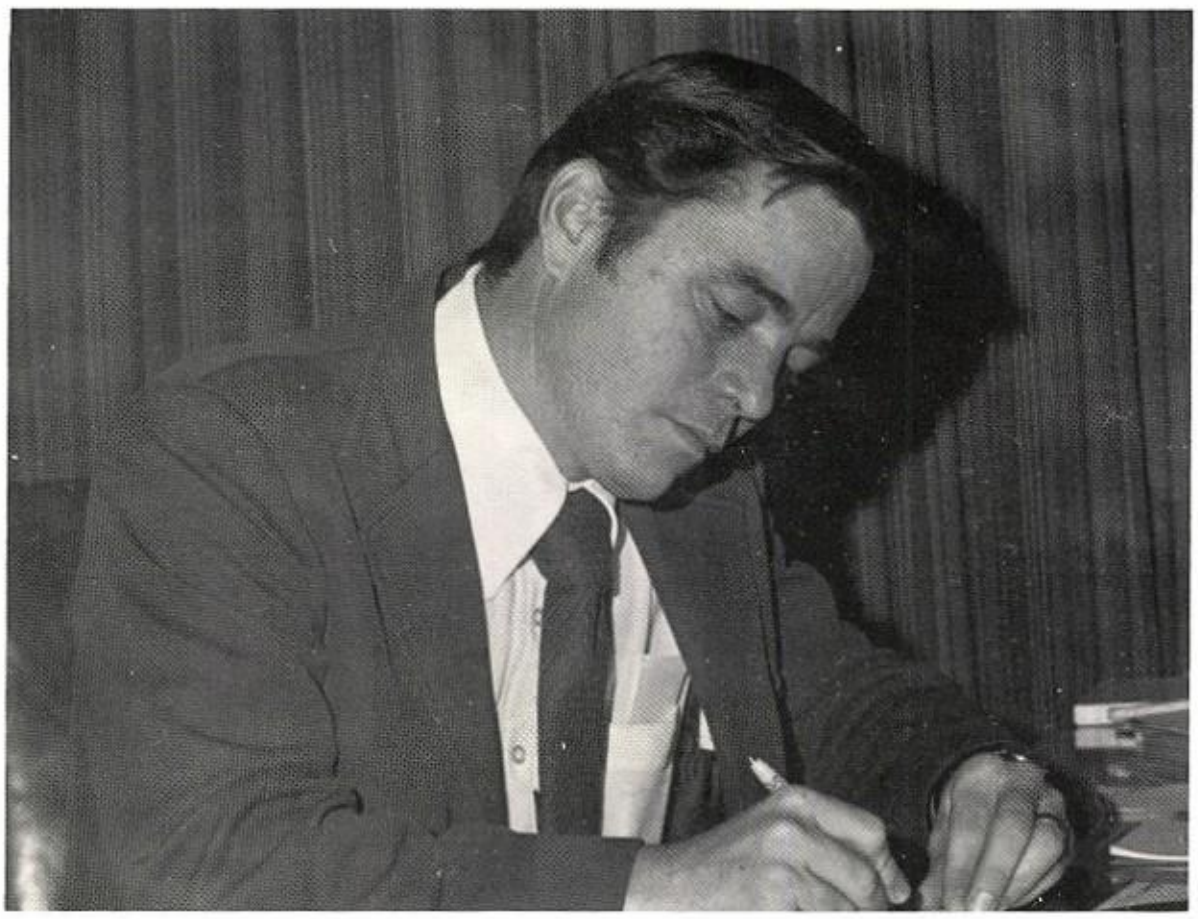

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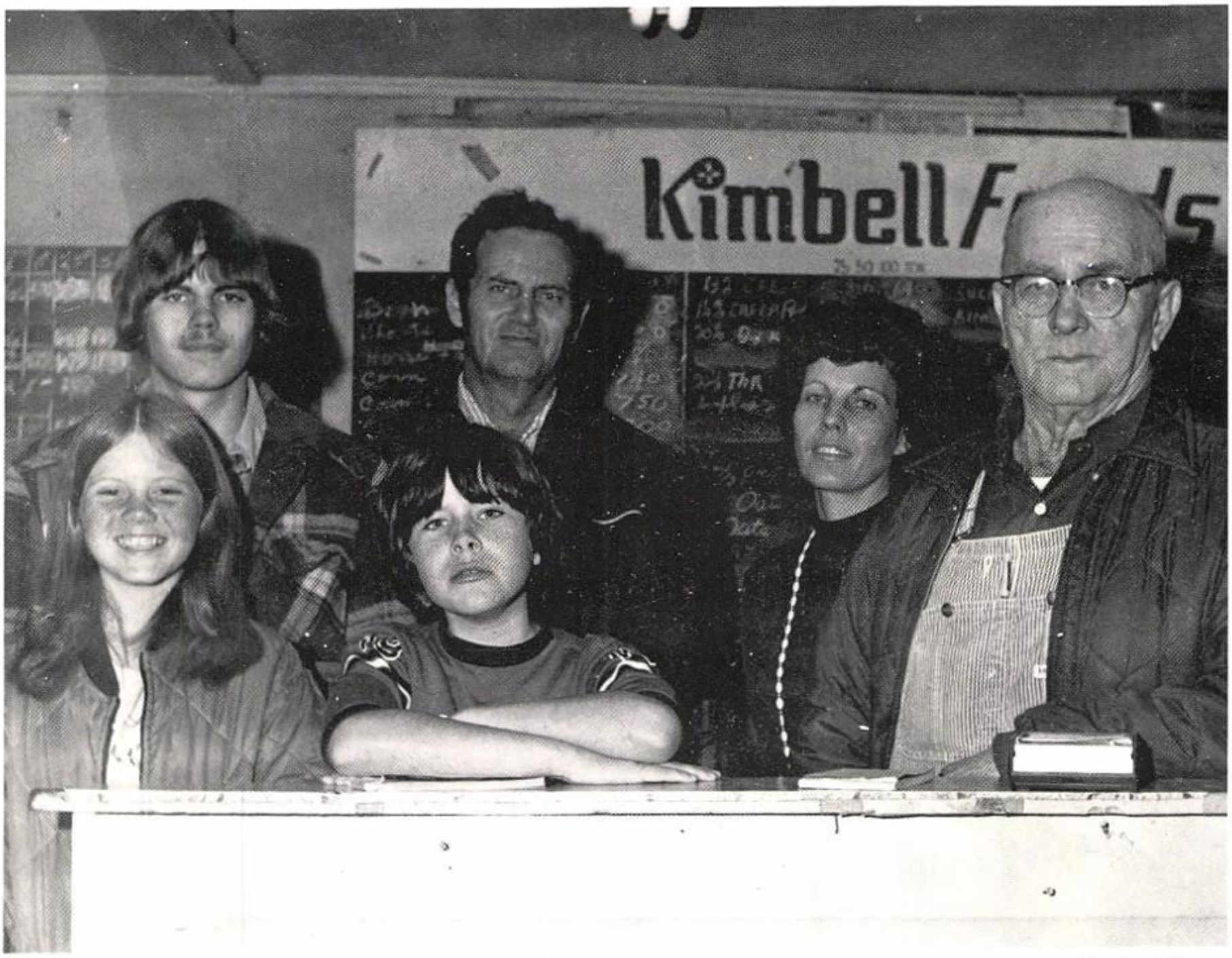

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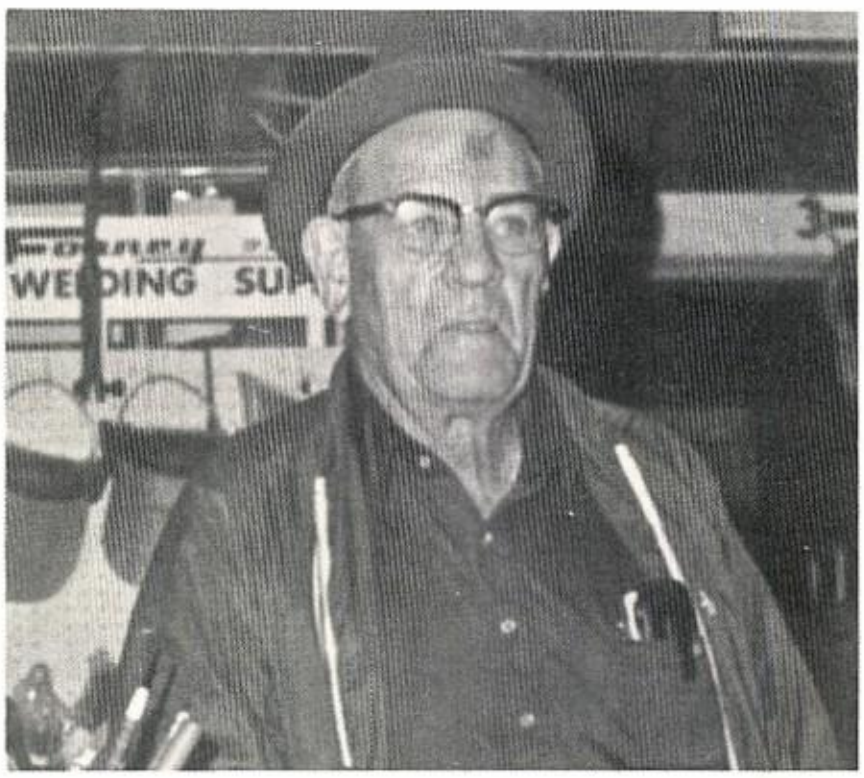

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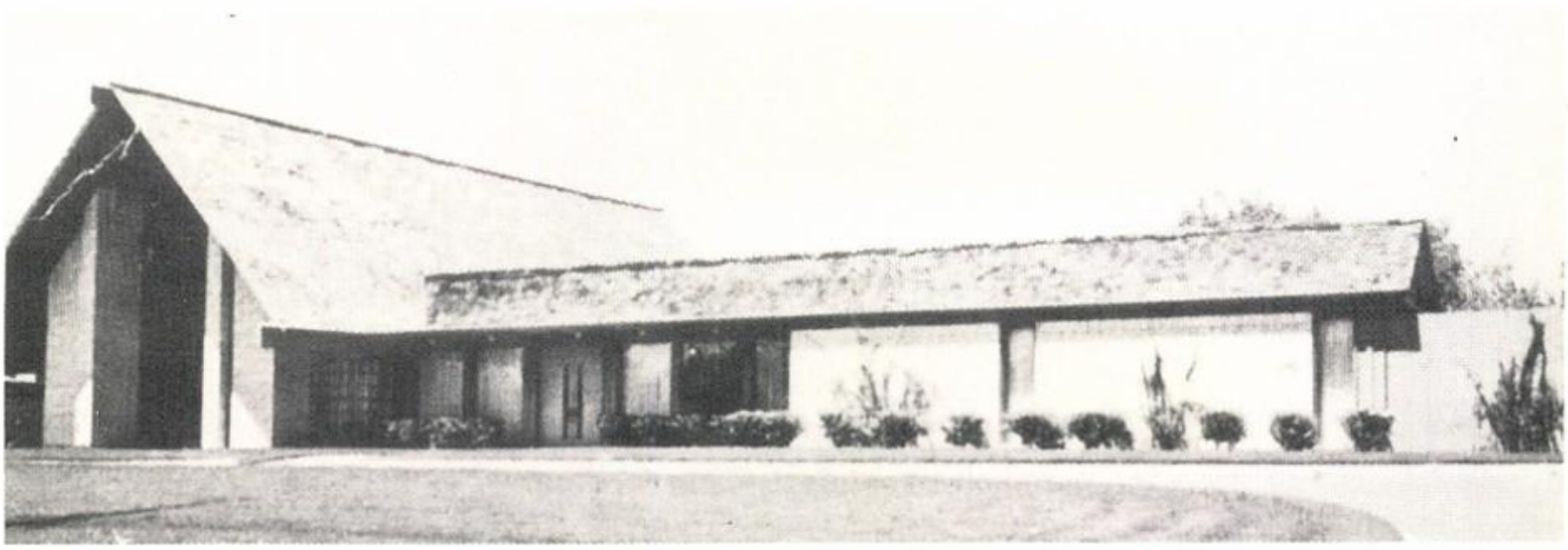

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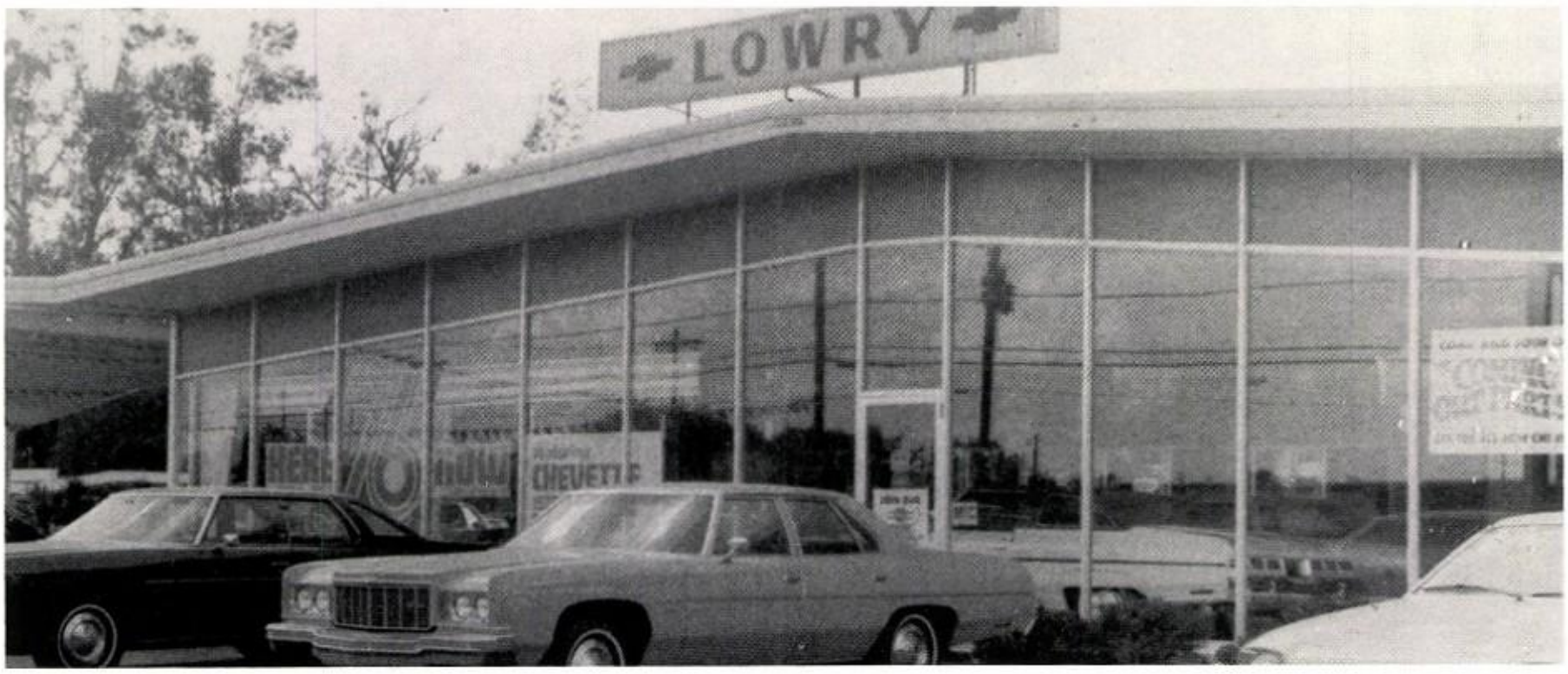

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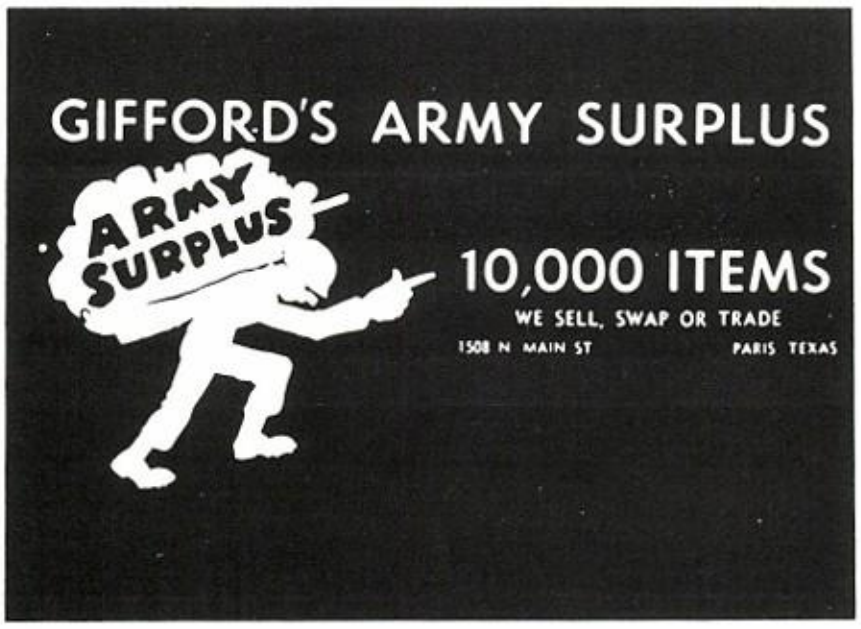

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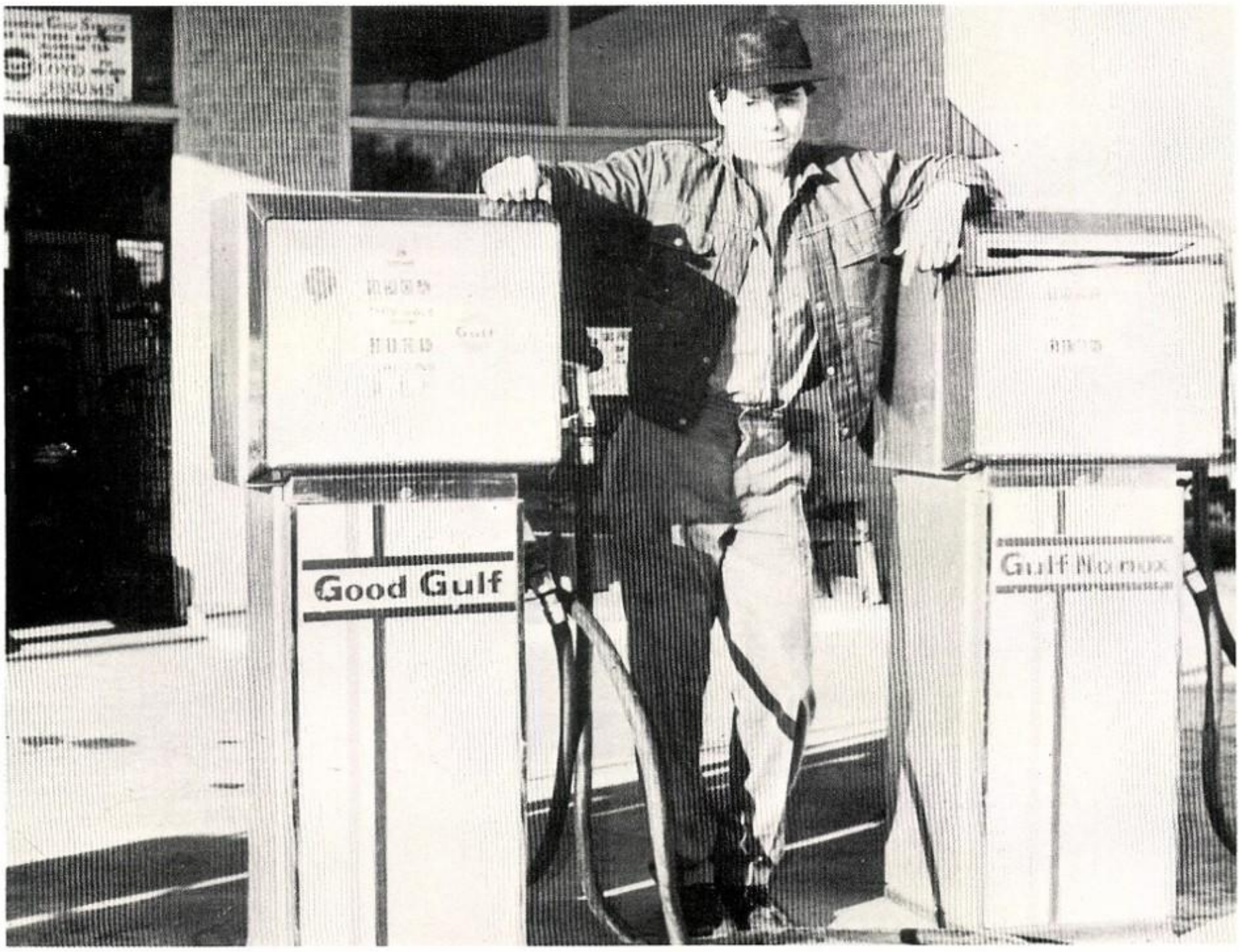

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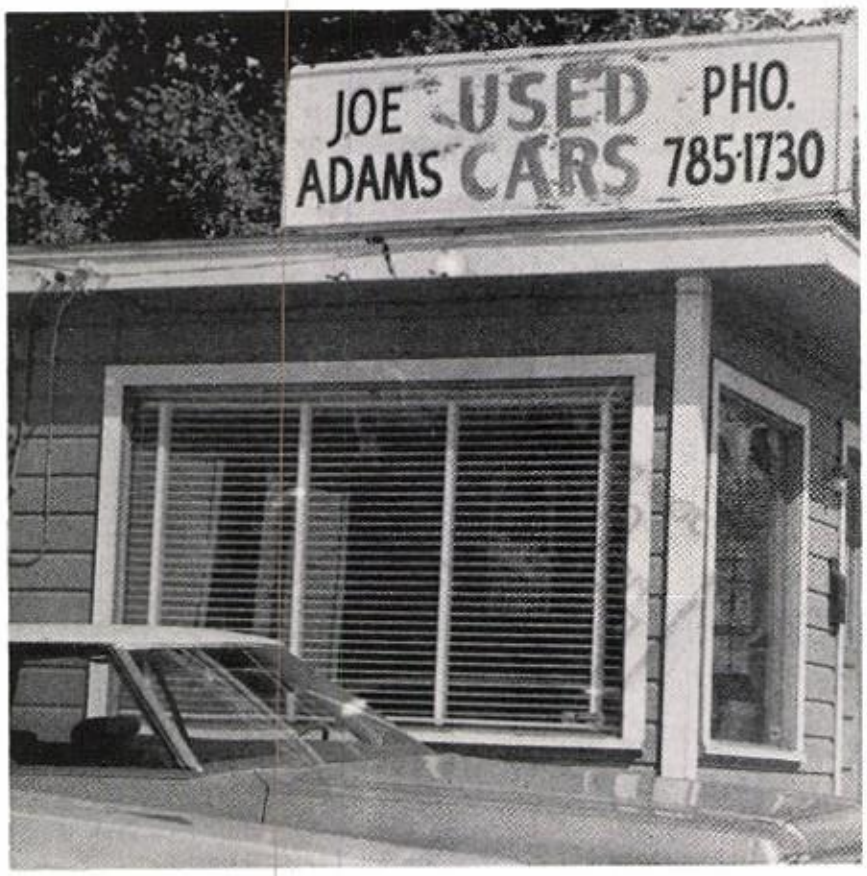

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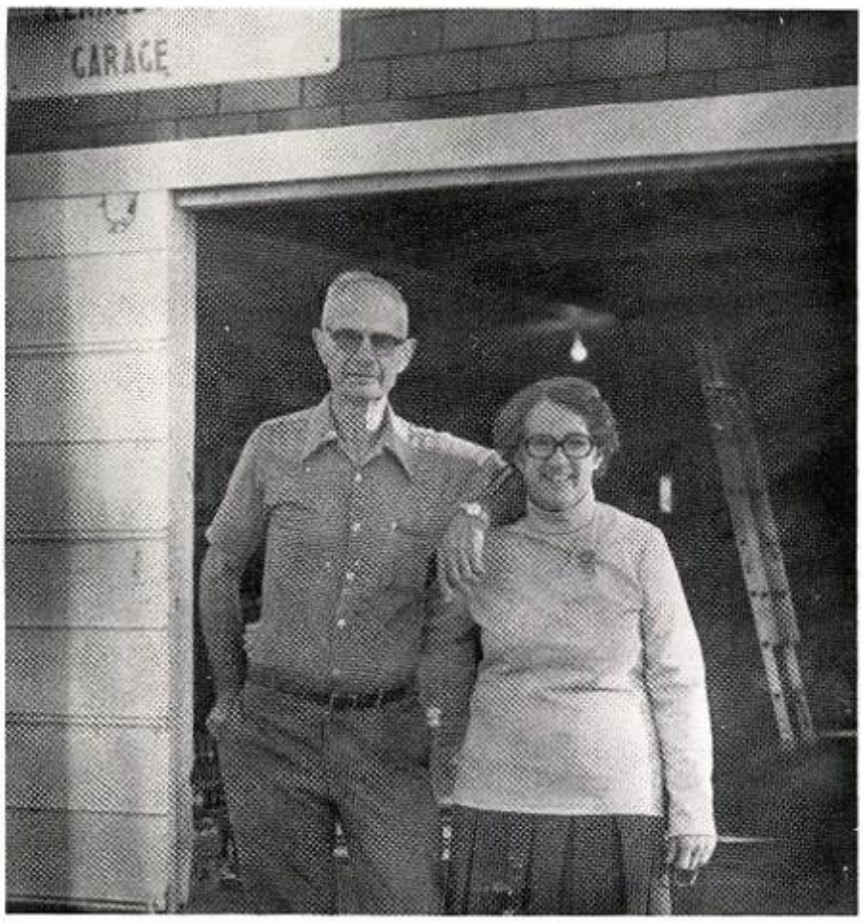

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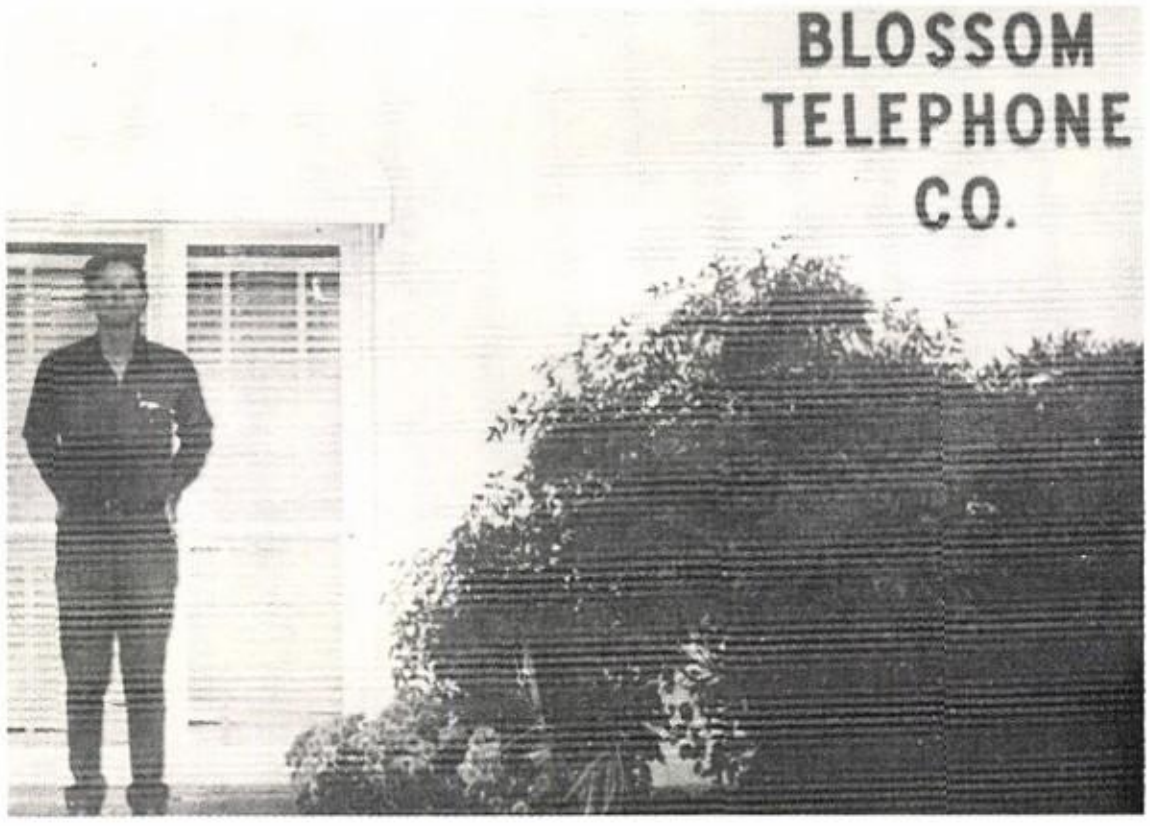

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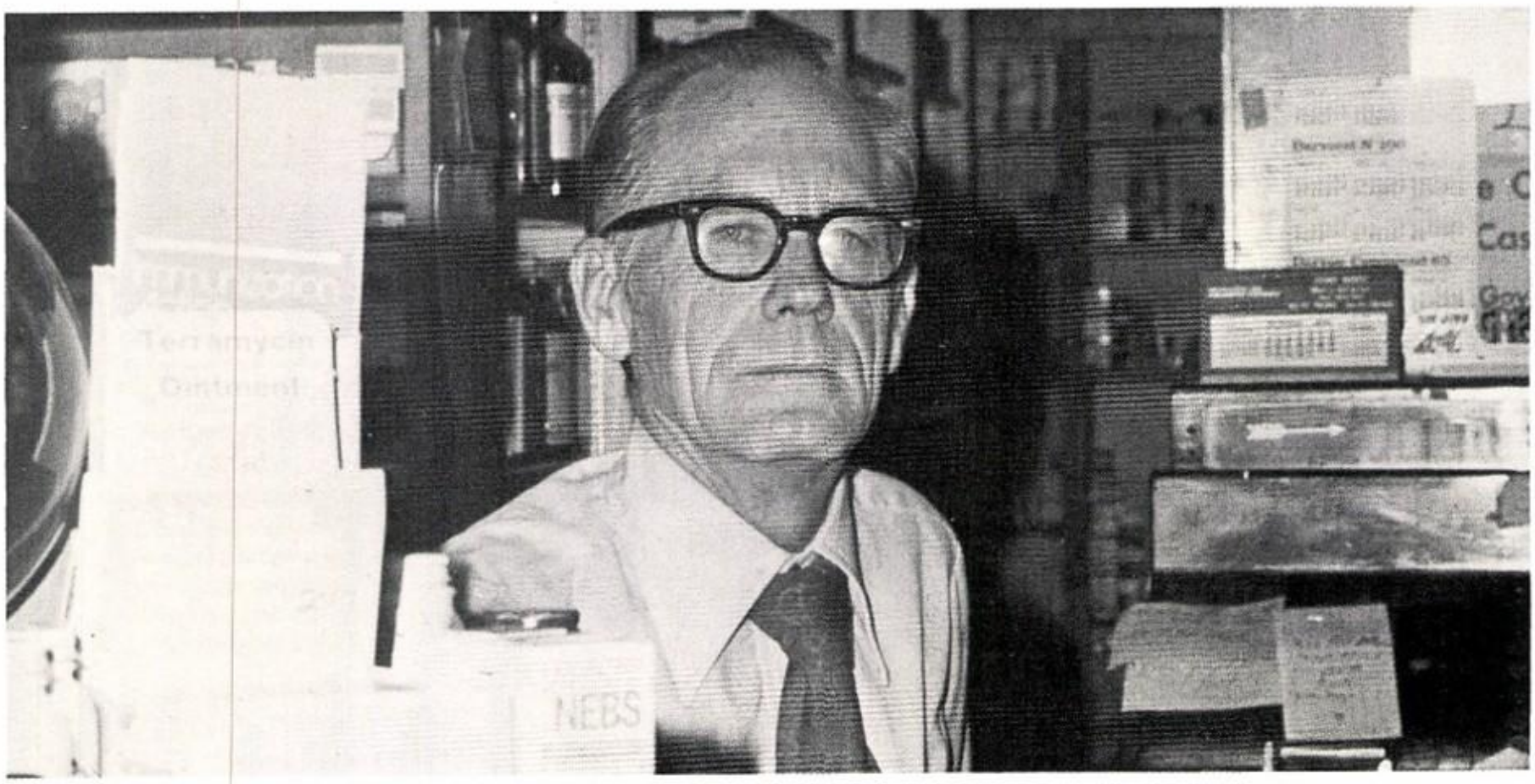

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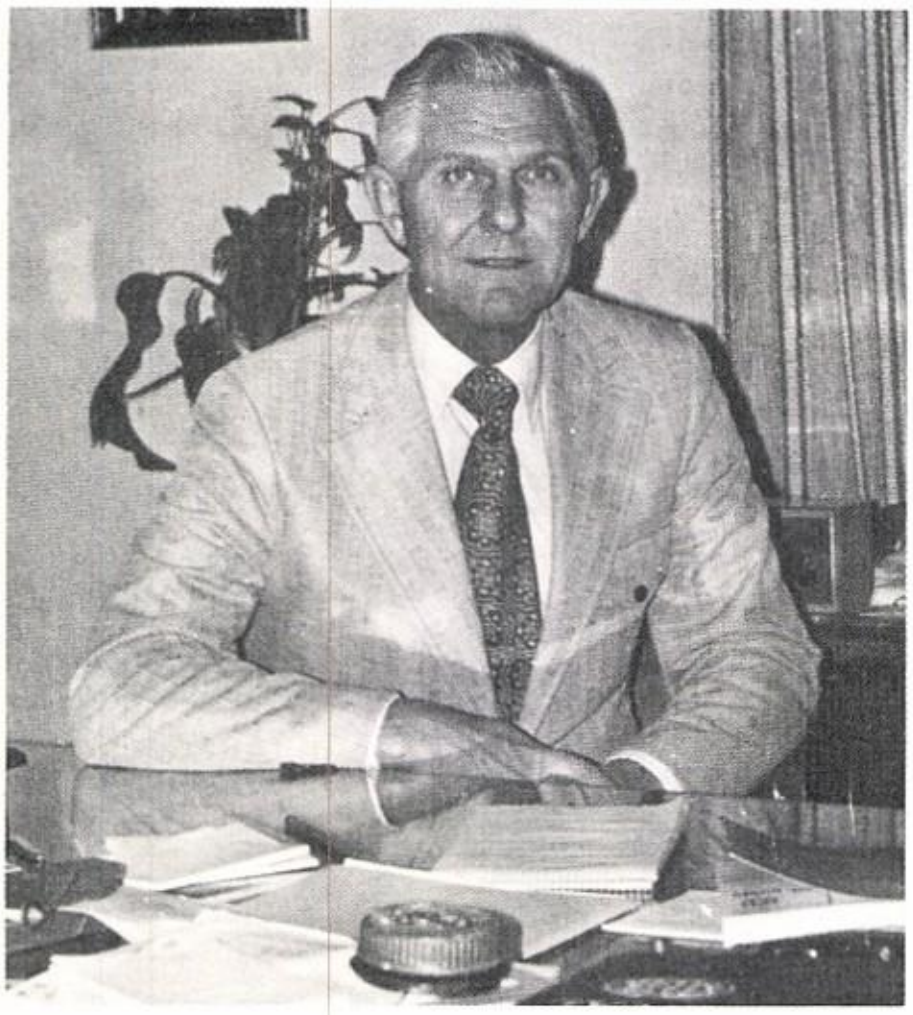

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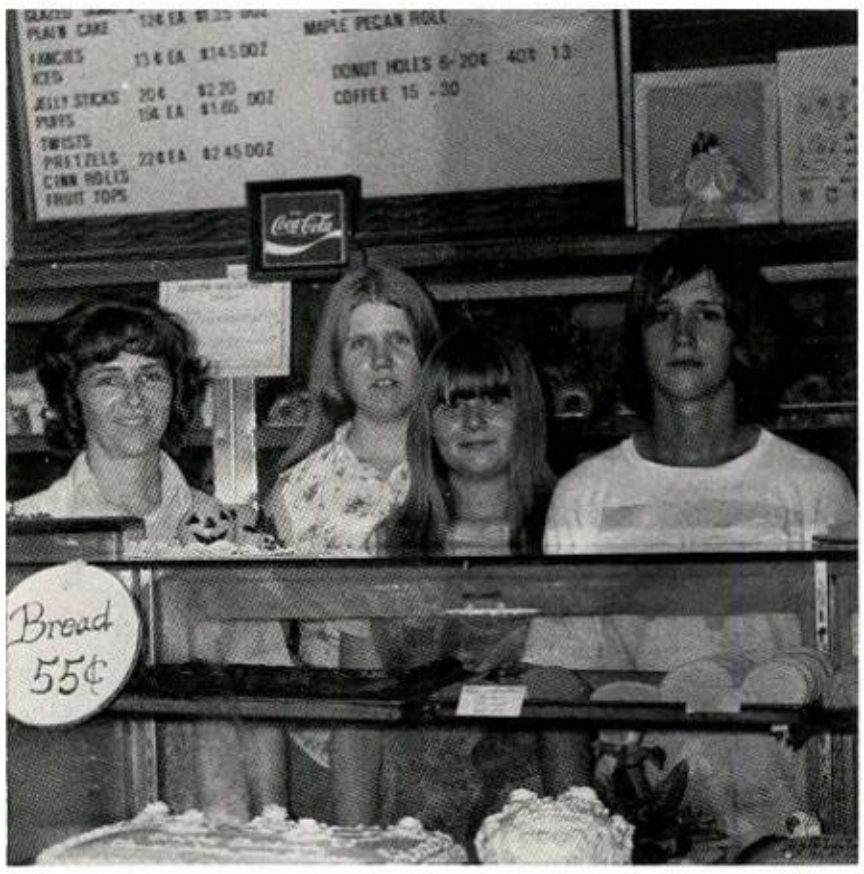

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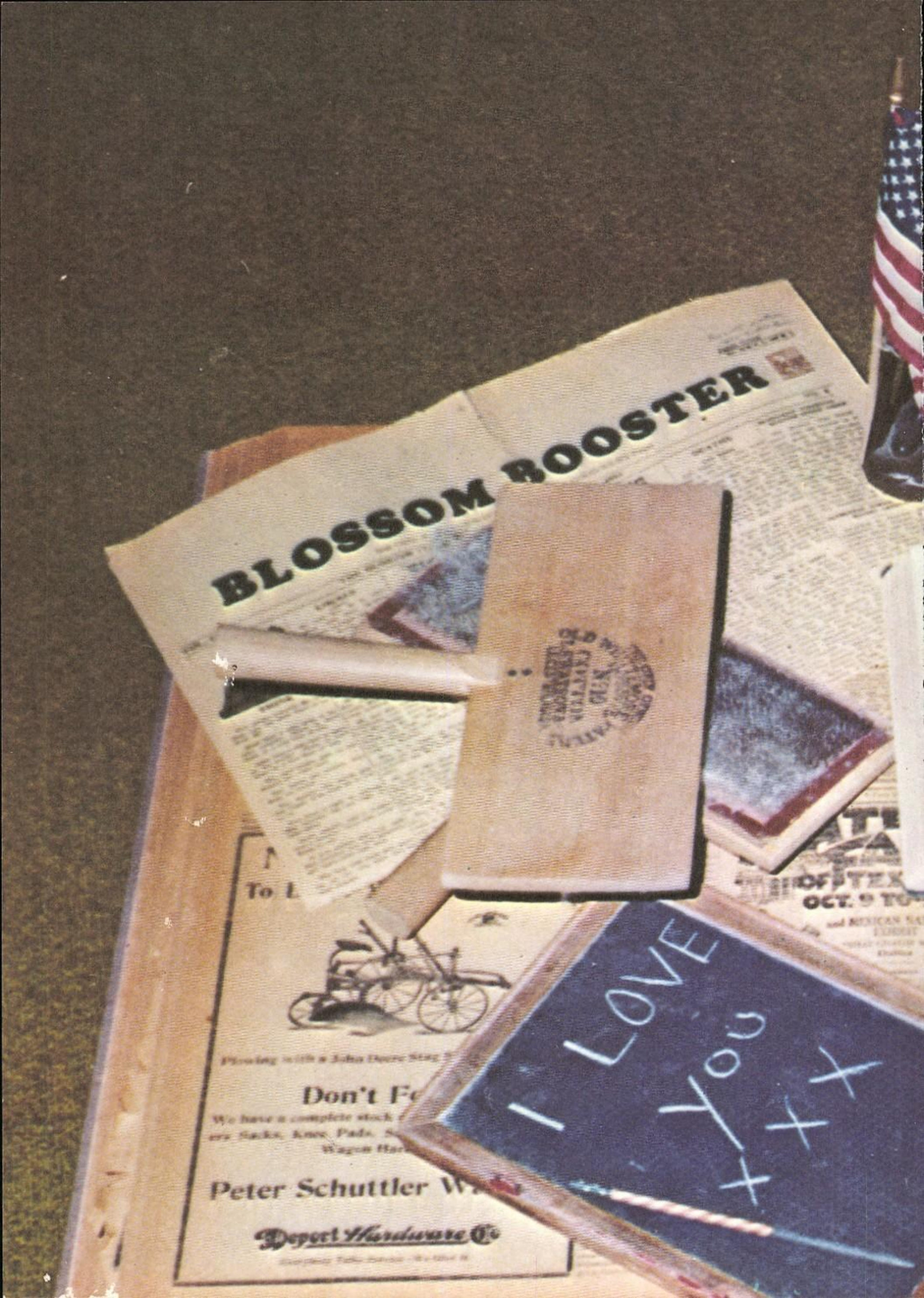
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